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THE RISSER FAMILY

A History of the Family

and

A Genealogy of those Descendants

of

John Risser "of Osthofen in the Palatinate"

Who Emigrated to the United States

and

Settled in Ohio and Iowa

by

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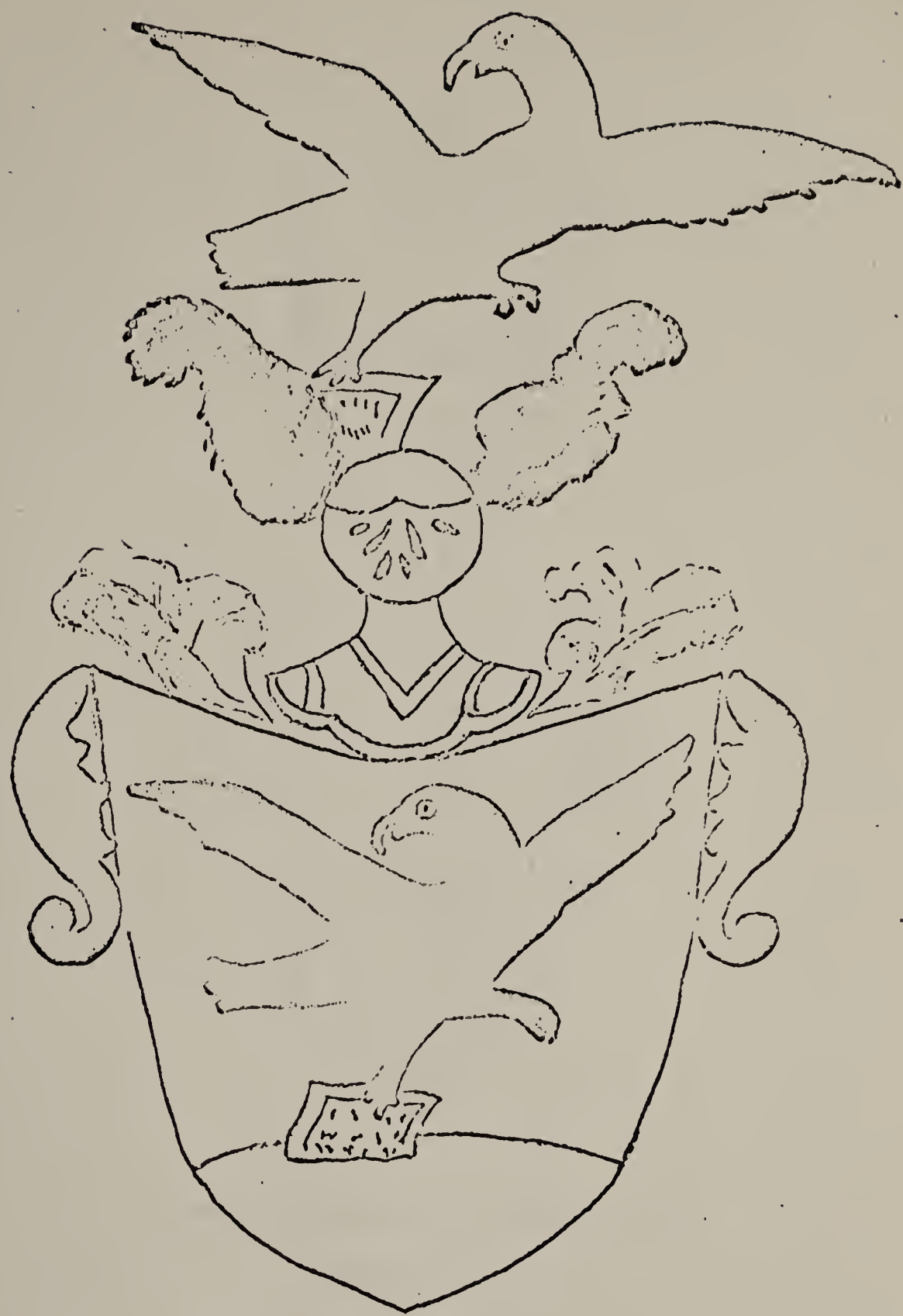

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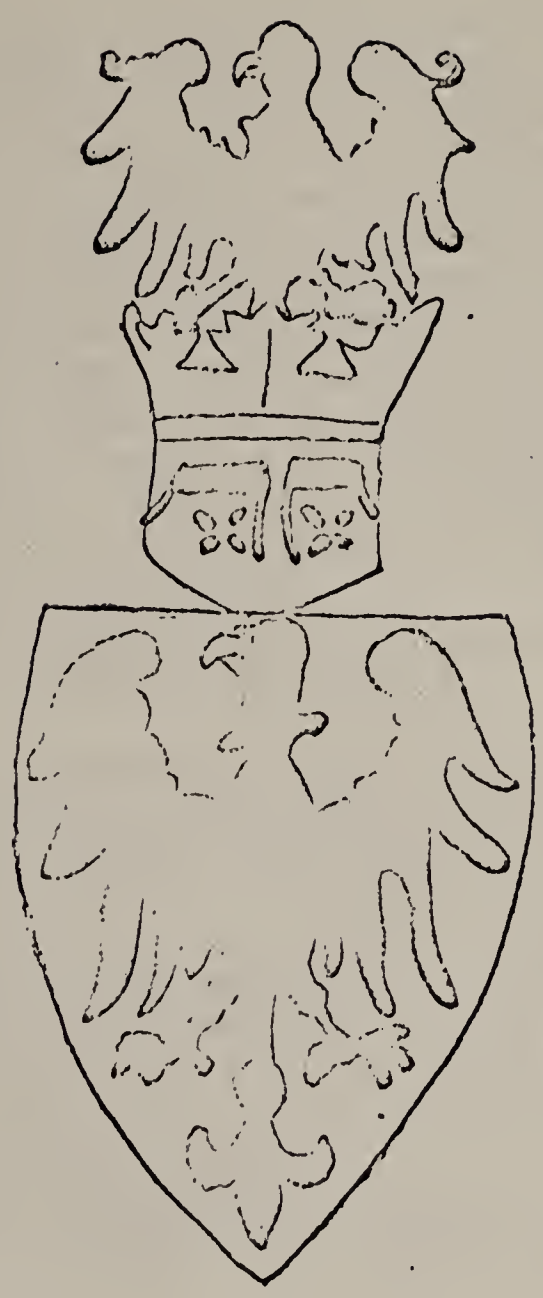

Coat-of-arms of about 1200

from the

Geschichte der Heraldik
aus der
Pariser Liederhandschrift

(Codex Manesse, of Zurich, Switzerland)

"I have drawn also a part of this compilation from tradition, when it had affinity to my subject, and I know it was based on truth; but I have observed the greatest care to insert nothing which was not in strict conformity to the truth, as far as I could ascertain it to be such. I have mingled in my recital probable facts, which I might have found it difficult to authenticate in their fullest extent; but I have taken the precaution to employ in my narrative such terms as will easily point out the uncertain from the indubitable, such as -- 'it is said', 'it is possible', 'it is presumed' -- and other expressions of that nature."

--- Histoire de la Valle du Lac-de-Joux,
par J.D.Nicole, page 9.

"We must of necessity, when there is only incertitude in all these (contrary) opinions, adopt another, and accept the common ancient tradition as the safest. In fact, it is difficult to penetrate into ages so far distant, and prove with certitude the source of any race beyond seven centuries, because before 1000 the most illustrious families had no surnames, and those who possessed the largest estates did not bear the title of their lands."

--- Histoire Genealogique de la Royale
Maison de Savoie, tom 1, page 163.

The following is an exact copy of the 2 biographical sketches written by Henry Arthur Risser in collaboration with his father John Risser of Burlington, Iowa, about 1885:

John Risser was born July 14, 1823 in Schwabing, a suburb of Munich, to Henry and Maria (Dester) Risser, a farmer (Ger. ockerman) and brandy manufacturer. John Risser was the youngest but two of ten children, six sons and four daughters, Jacob, Abraham, Christian, Henry, John, Daniel, Catharine, Magdalene, Mary, Julia. Leaving Schwabing at 7 years, John Risser attended a Catholic school at Machring, near Augsburg, in Bavaria, until 12 years of age, when he labored at home on the farm, and at 15 years became apprenticed to a cooper named Mahbrkhin, Fedarkisl, and at 17 went abroad working as opportunit afforded until 22 years old throughout Bavaria. During this period Grandfather and Grandmother Risser together with his brother Henry and sister Julia lived inabiesenbach, near Regensburg where he bade them and the old home farewell and then departed for America via Munich, where Aunt Lena lived, to Augsburg, Mannheim, Rotterdam, where a three masted sailing ship was boarded named Iris, which consumed 33 days making the passage to the port of New York, Sept. 1845.

From New York City he journeyed to Buffalo by Hudson Canal, by steamer on Lake Erie to Cleveland, by canal to Canal-Dover where Aunt [illegible] Bergtold lived where two years were spent, then one summer was lived at Massilon and thence he returned to Cleveland where 10 years were spent. Then one year was lived in Chicago, another year thereafter in Cleveland, and then Dubuque, Iowa, was given a year and in 1857 he journeyed to Burlington where he remained till April 19, 1889, whence he came to St. Paul, Minnesota.

John Risser, born July 14, 1823, in Schwabing suburb of Munich, Bavaria, Germany.

Left Schwabing at 7 years for Machring, Bavaria -- 9 miles from Augsburg, where nine years were spent & the cooper trade learned. After spending a year with Uncle Abraham Dester near Regensburg, four years, till the 22nd year, were filled with wandering a foot about Bavaria working from place to place off & on, at the trade.

Returning to Regensburg (1845) he visited his Uncle Abraham Dester, who owned a large farm, some hundreds of acres (ockerman) superintended by father's bro. Henry, and here were his father & mother, sister Julia. Leaving here for America he went to Mannheim & thence down the Rhine to Rotterdam where he took sail on a three masted ship, Iris, consuming 33 days,

when New York was made. Hence he steamed up the Hudson to Albany, then by Canal boat to Buffalo & per lake steamer to Cleveland. Canal Dover was reached by canal where Aunt & Uncle Bergthold lived. Here & at Lockport 15 miles off two years were spent, then six months at Massillon and ten years in Cleveland, after which he went to Chicago per steamer for a year, returned to Cleveland on a visit to meet grandmother, Aunt Julia, & Uncle Henry from Germany, & then proceeded to West Point, Iowa, to prospect for a farm with another uncle -- Henry Dester, but he dying after a summer's stay, father proceeded to Dubuque for 8 months, getting 20 dollars per week.

Thence at brother Daniel's request he journeyed to Cincinnati with him to conduct a cigar-store, which lasting a couple of months hesoon abandoned for Cleveland, working at his trade a year, when he went to Burlington, Iowa, via Ky to Cincinnati, thence per boat to Burlington, Ia. Here he married Mary H. Huebner March 8, 1859, and resided continuously ,-- save 1½ years in Peoria, Ills. in 1863-4, until April 20, 1889 when the whole family removed & reunited in St. Paul, Minn.

John Risser was converted in December of 1858 & joined the Ger. M.E. Church, Burlington, Ia., the same month.

The Risser Family

The Risser family is Swiss in origin, the name appearing in a long list of Swiss family names in Prof. C. Henry Smith's detailed history, "The Story of the Mennonites" (pp 166-8). The Canton of Zurich, in Switzerland, is given as the early home of the Rissers in a genealogical chart written in 1885 by the Rev. Henry Arthur Risser in collaboration with his father, John Risser of Burlington, Iowa. The name Risser also appears in various records of the Swiss persecution of the Mennonites which began in 1527 and continued until the Swiss government deported the remaining Mennonites in July of 1711. Since family names were not in use before the year 1000, it is impossible to do more than guess at where they might have lived before they settled in Zurich. It is a family tradition that there is some slight admixture of French blood in the line, but whether the family sought sanctuary in the Swiss mountains from an earlier French home, or whether this French strain came in during the family's exile in Alsace-Lorraine in the 17th century, it is now impossible to determine.

There is on modern maps of France a village called "Les Riceys", almost due south of Bar-sur-Seine, and just below the 48th parallel, in what was once the old province of Burgundy, which, from 1515 to the French Revolution, was in the seigneurie of Rissé. The seigneurie's name was spelled Ricey throughout the 16th century, but beginning in 1605 it was spelled Rissé. It was held by various families. (Histoire Genealogique et Chronologique de la Maison Royale de France, des pairs, grands officiers de la Couronne et de la Maison du Roy; et des anciens Barons du Royaume....Par le P. Anselme, Augustin Déchauffé, continuée par M. DuFourny. 3d ed. Paris, Par la Compagnie de Libraires, 1733. 8 tomes) It is possible that the Risser family at some period lived on this estate and took their name from it, since the French pronunciation of the name Risser would leave the final r silent, making it Rissé.

It is also a family tradition that the Risser family at an early period had a castle on, or near, the Rhine; and were wealthy, belonging to the lessor nobility. Descriptions of such establishments and the life led in them, are given in "Switzerland", by Lina Hug and Richard Stead, published in 1890. "....according to the custom of the age (1077) the eldest son lived in the paternal castle til he succeeded, whilst the younger brother received another castle with the usual appendages of a fortress in those days: rights of fishing and hunting, liberty to cut down wood for fuel in the forest around, pasturage for cattle of some miles extent, and fuedal service from

the serfs, thinly scattered over the district, with a small homestead surrounded by a few cultivated fields, called a fendl,- the name still employed to designate a very small property in many parts of both German and French Switzerland." (p.220) "....his territories, though extensive, consisted chiefly of large tracts of wild, waste, and barren mountain. The feudal vassals ....were rather in ease than affluence; and although some of the herdsmen of these Alpine regions ranked as very rich, their patriarchal wealth lay in cattle, not bullion." (p.273) "The castle, perched on the summit of a steep rock, rising from a deep sombre dell, and the rugged tower cast its dark shadow far over the surrounding chain of barren hills. The roads that conducted to it from the distant villages were tangled, intricate and mountainous; and save by some bewildered traveller or an occasional pilgrim, the loneliness of this little fortress was rarely invaded; for pedlers were cautious of exposing themselves and packs in such localities lest board and lodging for life in the dungeon might be the sole payment given in exchange for the rifled contents of the latter." (Historical Pictures of the Middle Ages...from records in the archives of Switzerland, by a wandering artist. Lond. Bentley,1854. p.288) This author goes on tb describe the country in 1080. "Even the noble causeways constructed by the Romans had experienced the barbarity of their conquerors, and were rapidly progressing to ruin. Here fallen rocks, there descending torrents impeded the traveller's path;- now a river, deep, broad and rapid, must be crossed by a frail plank quivering and rebounding under his foot. Sometimes a safer road lay through dense forests of pine, throwing their dark shade for many a dreary mile before the hesitating eye which feared to advance into their gloom. Wolves and serpents were very common in the thick woods of primeval Helvetia, and lawless men, often serfs escaped from a hard master, everywhere abounded. Towns and villages were thinly scattered, and usually surrounded with walls, the entrances to which were narrowly watched and guarded, permitting none to come in or go out without ample certitude, of the respectability of the visitant. The baron's castle was an ever welcome asylum for baron, or knight, or crusader, if not too far from the common track; but pilgrims bound to penitence, and the middle classes of society, seldom ventured to sound the horn that hung suspended at his lordly portal and happy might they consider themselves when, after a day of weariness, peril and hunger, they found a safe shelter for the night in some miserable peasant's hut, and could assuage their famine with a little goat's milk, and a few scraps of black bread, made of chesnuts or barley." ... (p.296) "....the want of gunpowder rendered such positions generally impregnable whilst provisions remained to the besieged; and from the battlements and tiny towers of the little citadel (they) welcomed all hostile visitors with

such showers of arrows and stones and hot water, as they toiled, perfectly unprotected, up the steep ascent leading to this eagle's nest, that none were found ambitious of adventuring a second time." (p.286)

There is also, in "Descriptio Helvetiae", an amusing description of the habits and manners of the Swiss people, particularly those of the towns, such as Zurich, which was written between 1500 and 1504 by Balcus, the ambassador from Milan. In spite of the annoyances of a foreigner, he gives a clear picture of what our ancestors were like just before the Reformation. "Although accustomed to robbery yet the people have an extravagant generosity to the poor....Their stately but remarkably extravagant daily meals they spin out to great length, so that they spend two to three hours at table eating their many dishes and barbarous spices with much noise and conversation. They show ill-will against those who despise this kind of table pleasure. Custom allows that women, who on account of the beauty of their faces or the attraction of their persons are uncommonly loveable, may be embraced and kissed anywhere and by anybody without distinction. The cultivation of the intellect is rare and the noble virtues receive no honour. This low-born people, this lot of peasants, born in mountains and woods and brought up in a narrow hole, have begun to play the lord in Europe.... this little band of cowherds and shepherds, who pass the day in the drawing and thickening of milk; who are so to speak, without law and ignorant of things human and divine; will prescribe laws for all others and sit in judgement on the affairs of princes, as though the appeal and highest judgement belonged to them." (Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science. Ser.XXII, No. 5. p.18.)

It is in this period that the Risser coat-of-arms seems to belong, since the earlier the coat-of-arms, the simpler they were, developing elaborate forms and excrescences as the feudal age drew to a close. In this case the type of helmet, the gaudy coloring, the whole elaborate style, place it about 1500. In the Minneapolis Art Institute there are two suits of armour with similar helmets, both German, one dated 1520, the other 1530,- which would tend to confirm this conclusion. The birds are eagles, and in heraldic terms "aloft at gaze, holding up the left foot, wings rising." This coat-of-arms is a copy of the one decorating the bowl of a white meerschaum pipe and labeled "Wappen der Risser" which was owned by Mary Risser Appell of Cleveland, Ohio, granddaughter of John Risser of Osthofen. Copies of the coat-of-arms were made and given to many of the nieces and nephews, among them the Rev.Henry Arthur Risser, whose copy, from which the frontispiece was made, is now owned by his son, the Rev.Richard Arthur Risser of Michigan.

Bearing in mind that the early coats-of-arms were quite simple, without the plumes, mantling, scrolls, etc., which over decorate the later styles, there is a plain resemblance between the Risser coat-of-arms and one shown on a plate at the end of volume A of J.Siebmacher's "Grosses und Allegemeines Wappenbuch" which was published in Nurnberg by Bauer and Raspe in 1890 from still earlier editions. This plate was copied from the "Geschichte der Heraldik aus der Pariser Liederhandschrift" in the Codex Manesse. The birds resemble the "Hapsburg eagle" and in heraldic terms are an "eagle displayed with wings inverted". Both helmet and crown are types used in the 12th and 13th centuries. As for the Codex Manesse it was compiled about 1350 in the city of Zurich. "....at the hospitable manor and court of Roger Manesse, a famous knight and magistrate of the city (was written) the famous Codex Manesse, lately at Paris -- it happened to be in the possession of the Elector of the Palatinate, and was carried off to France when Louis XIV laid waste to the province -- now in Germany (1890). It contains the songs of some 150 German and Swiss minstrels, who sang between the years 1200 and 1350. Manesse and his son, a canon at the minster, undertook the collection out of pure enthusiasm." (Hug, Lina, and Stead, Richard - Switzerland. 1890. p.) It was a common practise in early feudal times for the knights and barons to use the distinguishing device ofthe ruling count or duke of the province on their own shields; so it is to be presumed either that the coat-of-arms in the Codex Manesse was an early form of the Risser coat-of-arms, or that (since the Canton of Zurich was for a period under Hapsburg rule) the Rissers modeled their coat-of-arms on that of the Hapsburg overlords of Zurich. In either event it seems to prove that the family castle and lands lay on the Rhine in the canton of Zurich before the Reformation.

All this was lost, however, with the Reformation. The tradition is, that because they refused to give up their new faith, they were forced to flee for their lives, their property was confiscated, and they were reduced economically to the peasant level. What faith they first espoused at the beginning of the Reformation we do not know. It was not long, however, before they were listed in Swiss records as Mennonites.

The Mennonites were a branch of the Anabaptists, one of the religious groups of the Protestant Reformation; and preached a voluntary, independant religious organization, without a religious hierarchy of any sort. They believed in adult baptism instead of the infant baptism then practised by all other religious groups, Catholic and Protestant alike; opposed military service; and stood firmly for separation of church and state. Since they were the first to preach these new doctrines they drew down upon themselves all the wrath and persecution which was afterward shared by the Baptists, Quakers, Congregationalists

(Pilgrims and Puritans), and Methodists. The persecution was, however, mainly by secular authorities. "Although Mennonites believed governments to be divinely ordained, and as such to be accorded implicit obedience in all things except where religious convictions were concerned, yet their refusal to take an oath of any sort, including the oath of allegiance, was often misinterpreted by the governing authorities as an act of civil disobedience and of disloyalty. At the same time under the feudal system which still prevailed in Switzerland, the peasant class especially was living under considerable economic and social oppression. The charges made by the Mennonites against the prevailing order on religious grounds often was not much different from those made by peasants on economic grounds. So the ruling authorities, ever fearful of losing their positions of power and influence, did not always stop to draw a fine distinction between the motives of the peace-loving Mennonites and leaders of peasant revolts whose acts were armed rebellion. Mennonite persecution often followed peasant uprisings; Mennonite ministers and rebel leaders being sometimes executed to-gether." (Smith - Story of the Mennonites. p.138)

At this time, too, the Swiss cantons were democratic in name only: a few ruling families forming an oligarchic council. One of their principal sources of revenue was the sale of Swiss conscripted soldiers to other countries; Swiss mercenaries fighting in all the wars of the 17th and 18th centuries; and this was responsible at bottom for all the troubles of the Mennonites. When they became the conscientious objectors of their day, they endangered the Swiss military system, since their example might encourage others to take a firmer stand against the practise.

Persecution began in 1527 by the burning at the stake of some of the Mennonite ministers. On the whole, throughout this period of persecution, it was the leaders who were executed, but confiscation of property, imprisonment, and exile were used regardless of age, sex, or position. "For asserting religious liberty these people were imprisoned, tortured, banished, slain, during 100 years in Switzerland, but they would not yield. Rissers and (scores of) other familiar Lancaster County (Penn.) names appear among the list of those so ill-treated and slain by the state authorities." (Eshleman, H.F. - "Lancaster County in Province, State, and Nation" Lancaster County Historical Society Magazine, vol.32-4, 1928-30. p.23, vol.33) Individually, by families, or in large groups, Mennonites again and again fled across the borders of cantons Zurich and Bern into Alsace, Lorraine, the Palatinate, or down the Rhine into Holland. It is probable that our ancestors fled to Alsace about 1650 with several hundred other families in response to an order for wholesale exile passed by the Zurich Council. How long they remained in Alsace is not known, but it was long enough to give rise to a tradition that the family had originated in Alsace-Lorraine.

Some members of the Risser family appear to have been part of the small groups that fled into Holland, because, on the genealogical chart written by Henry Arthur Risser, is this notation in one corner:

"Came 1.- Netherlands to Zurich, Switzerland".

This checks with Prof.Smith's statement (pp 143 & 147) that Mennonite exiles repeatedly returned to Switzerland no matter what harsh reception waited them; the desire to see again their families, to repossess their property or salvage some part of it, or the wish to spend their last days on their native soil, overcoming all caution.

At what date the father of John Risser of Osthofen took refuge in the Palatinate is not known. One branch of the family, either an uncle or great uncle, was driven from Switzerland in 1690 and settled in the Palatinate along the Rhine, near Durkheim, purchasing land of Count Weissor. This was in the general vicinity of Osthofen, so it is possible that it was the proximity of relatives that caused the ancestor of our line to settle at Osthofen.

Settlement in the Palatinate did not mean the end of troubles however. The province had been hospitable to the Mennonites as a group after the ruling counts had become Protestants, though limiting them in some ways, as not permitting Mennonite services in public meeting houses, etc. Unfortunately the fertile territory was repeatedly devasted and burned out during the 17th and 18th centuries. "In all the numerous wars....the rich fields of the Palatinate remained an attractive prize for the armies of both sides as they marched back and forth from one country to another." Hans Burghalter of Geroldsheim, for many years the spokesman of the Palatine Mennonites before their brethern in Holland when asking for help, in a letter written in 1746 complained that

> "' for 5 years the French troops have overrun our land, confiscated our property and oppressed with heavy burdens. They consoled us by promising that everything would be paid for, but so far not a stuiver has been received. Besides this we were forced to work for them at hard labor for days at a time. After this the English army came, encamping only two hours distant from us for four long weeks, during which we were subjected to the same harsh treatment. After the English left us to establish their Headquarters at Weyer, the Austrians encamped twice among us. So you can see what unbearable suffering we had to endure the past summer. Hardly had this great burden been lifted from us than the good Lord permitted another severe punishment to befall us. A contagious disease spread among our cattle so that many of the brethern have not a single head left. Our poverty is so great that many of us do not know how to help ourselves any longer.'"

A period of religious intolerance at this time added to their troubles with the coming of a new line of Catholic electors who curtailed the liberties of the Reformed and the Lutherans also. The Mennonites were marked for special oppression. "Throughout the 18th century they were forced to pay tribute money for such toleration as they enjoyed. They were denied residence in cities, they could not engage in trade, nor were their children admitted to apprenticeship in the trade guilds." Even the Jews had more privileges than the Mennonites." (Smith, pp 307-313)

It was during this time that a large number of Mennonites emigrated to Pennsylvania, settling principally in Lancaster County. Some of them were undoubtedly of the party exiled from Switzerland in 1711. "On July 11, 1711, many Mennonites were placed on vessels and sent into exile (from Basle). This list (of exiles) contains 346 persons and there were three vessels. In the list we find the familiar names of Hoffman, Binkley, Shallenberger, Huber, Risser, Meir, Schmied....these exiles left Basel July 17, 1711." (Burkholder - "The Swiss Mennonite Migration to Lancaster County, Penn." Lan.Co.Hist.Soc.Mag.,vol.31,no. 5,1927, p.57 et al) About 50 of the party, in the early stages of the voyage, deserted as they had opportunity; going into the Palatinate to make their homes. Rissers were among these 50 who preferred the Palatinate to Holland or America as a destination.

These Rissers must have been brothers, cousins, or nephews of John Risser of Osthofen, though the exact relationship can now only be traced by searching records in Switzerland and the German provices of the Palatinate and Rhein-Hessen. In Pennyslvania the name appears frequently on naturalization, tax and census lists, though it is spelled variously: Reiser, Riesser, Riser, Reeser, Reesor, and Reezer, as well as Risser. In the first Federal Census of 1790 there were 14 heads of families in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is doubtful if these were Mennonites, since Mennonites settled mainly in Lancaster County, Penn. It is also doubtful if any of the later Risser emigrants (1840-1845) to Ohio and Iowa were of that faith. Prof.Smith says (p.317) that after the French Revolution the Mennonites in southern Germany grew more liberal in their views; and the facility with which our grandfathers joined the German Reformed, German Methodist Episcopal, or Presbyterian churches in Ohio and Iowa, shows none of the individual stubbornness displayed by their forebears in holding the Mennonite doctrines.

Among those who remained in the Palatinate was our great, great, great grandfather Risser. We know approximately what he looked like, for there is a description of these Swiss exiles by a contemporary Mennonite writer who had seen them as they entered the Palatinate:

"'....sturdy folk by nature, who could endure hardships, with long untrimmed beards, with plain clothes, and heavy shoes shod with strong iron nails. They were very zealous in serving God with prayer, reading, and other ways.'" (Smith - Story of the Mennonites, p.311)

For the next quarter century from 1711 these Swiss Mennonites in the Palatinate, in spite of wars, cold summers, crop failures, and constant emigration to America, must have grown and prospered; for from records preserved in the government archives at Karlsruhe we know that by 1732 there were 618 families on two sides of the Upper Rhine, a total population of approximately 3000. Among the congregations mentioned, which still exist, may be included Ibersheim, Semback, Friedolsheim (where the other branch of the Rissers settled in 1690), Wierhof, Griesheim, Oberamolzen, and Hasselbach. All these are small farm communities, either on noble estates or small villages, hence the 'heims' and 'hofs'. (Smith, p.312) Osthofen is on the right bank of the Rhine. It is about 30 statute miles below Speyer, the capitol of the Palatinate, and in 1931 had a population of 4,620. It is in what is now called the province of Rhein-Hessen, though originally it lay in the Palatinate, the German term for which is Pfalz.

It is probable that John Risser of Osthofen was born about 1735, but we do not know where he was born, whom he married, or when he died. We do know that he had a large family, though the names of only three of the sons have been preserved in the family records in the United States. These sons were: John, the eldest child, born about 1760 at Osthofen; Abraham, called the "middle" son on the chart written by Henry Arthur Risser. Abraham was born April 15, 1770 in Osthofen. Lastly, Henry, the youngest child, born likewise in Osthofen, presumably about 1786.

The eldest child John, it is written on the chart, came to Philadelphia in 1780 as a young man, and according to both Henry Arthur Risser, and his brother C.D.Risser, of St.Paul, Minn., he came to escape persecution in Europe because he was a Mennonite. The chart says he died in July, 1817, but nothing else is known about him. Though he presumably settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, so far it has been impossible to trace him further.

It is a matter of family record that Abraham's second child, also named Abraham, was born in 1801 in Bavaria; so it is to be presumed that this "middle" son Abraham, as well as his youngest brother Henry, had been force by King Maximilian Joseph IV of Bavaria to leave their property in the Palatinate and move to Bavaria to demonstrate progressive farming methods to the backward Catholic peasantry. About 1840 Abraham and 11 of his 12 children emigrated to the United States; all of them, save one, settling in Ohio; and here in

Ashland, Ohio, Abraham Risser died June 26, 1844, and is buried.

The youngest child Henry, never came to the United States as far as is known, though his wife, Maria (Dester) Risser, came to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit her children about 1856; and lack of any vital statistics about her in Cleveland leads to the presumption that she returned to Germany and died there. It is possible that ill-health had caused the retirement from active farming of Henry Risser about 1839, since in that year he moved to his brother-in-law's farm near Regensburg, Bavaria; and was still there in July of 1845 when his son John left for the United States, and it is likely that his death occurred before 1856.

There are still Rissers in the Palatinate, though the degree of cousinship is not known. In Bavaria the name is seldom met with, now, although there is a Risser See (lake) in the province. Henry Arthur Risser's son, Chaplain (Captain) Richard Arthur Risser, who during World War II was attached to the 105th Medical and 105th Combat Engineering Battalions of the 30th Infantry Division and from D-Day-plus -6 on was in Europe, heard the name only twice, though he was on the alert for any Risser. One of the engineers reported that he had seen the name "Manfred Risser" on a sign over a gutted pharmacy in Magdeburg. Later, after the German surrender, Captain Risser received further information. His letters tell the story:

Staffelstein, Germany,
Sept.3, 1945.

Dear Sis:-

....We leave here Thursday, the 6th, for the vicinity of Rheims, and expect to sail, sometime between the 15th and 20th or thereabouts.

So much for that. Yesterday I got to talking with a German lawyer who speaks fair English. In the course of the conversation I told him about our background. Today he left a note here while I was in Coburg which is enclosed and which gives quite a little information. I went down town this evening but he was not there. He will be there in the morning and I plan to go to see him and find out what I can. I'll get it down on paper and send it to you from Rheims if possible. It sounds interesting anyhow....
P.S. - Just as I finished this the lawyer came to see me, and I'm going down there about 10:00 tomorrow. R.A.R.

The lawyer's note follows:

Dr.Gunther Kloss, Staffelstein, den 3.September, 1945.
Staffelstein
Bahnhofstrasse 64.

To Chaplain Risser.

Yesterday we talked in the burgomaster's house at Staffelstein of your relatives or ancestors in Germany. After

having spoken to the burgomaster's sister living here I think I can tell you something about your relationship that will interest you.

The burgomaster's sister had very good friends - now dead - named Rissor. They came from the Bavarian Palatinate. She worships them very much. Your grandfather probably may be born at Feldkirchen, a village with predominately Protestant population near Munich. Many inhabitants of Feldkirchen have come from the Palatinate, a Bavarian province west of the Rhine. At that time, long, long ago, the Palatinate was too crowded with population. Therefore a Bavarian King settled some of those people in Feldkirchen and other villages near Munich. So your great-great-grandfather may have come from the Palatinate to Feldkirchen or another village near Munich.

If you will come through Staffelstein before your departure we should like to tell you more about your ancestors.

This was my first letter in English. I hope there will not be too many mistakes.

I wish you a happy return to your country and family.

Dr. Kloss.

Staffelstein, Germany,
Sept.5, 1945.

Dear Sir:-

I think this is the last letter I'll be writing you from this side of the water - I hope. I wouldn't do it now if I didn't want to report the visit I had the other day with this Burgomaster's sister, with the lawyer as interpretor....the enclosed picture is of Kate and Mary Rissor - Kate is at the left as you look at the picture. These girls were born about 1840 and died in 1910 at the age of 70. They were two or three years apart in age. They had one other sister and three brothers. Their father was a Mennonite preacher and very good, as were the girls. The family was born in the Palatinate which is the only province in Bavaria on the Rhine It's west of the Rhine, and separated from the rest of Bavaria by part of another province. In the Palatinate they are all Protestants, and all the rest of Bavaria is Catholic, or mostly so. The lawyer suggested that perhaps if our folks were in Alsace-Lorraine, which is right by the Palatinate, that they may have moved to Bavaria when Louis the 14th of France drove the Protestants out.

I tried to get the names of the other brothers and sister, but Fraulein Harpich's memory was not too good. But one brother was John, of course, who was an architect, and in charge of all building, or some such, in Speyer, in the Palatinate, which is the capitol of the province. It may be that he is still there. Another brother was a professor in a high school. He was married and had two sons, and may also have lived in Speyer. One of the professor's sons is dead, but before he died he lived in Bayreuth. The other son was living at last knowledge, but she did not know where. Oh, yes, Kate and Mary were both single. The other sister married a preacher and they had a number of

children. They also lived in the Palatinate. The third brother went to America when young and fought in a war in "America", which it is to be presumed was the Civil War. She did not know the first names of any of the others I've listed, or the first name of the father. The architect was the youngest, then Kate, then Mary, and the others. The father probably died about 1880 or 1890, but this is only surmise. Kate and Mary were teachers, but the family was quite wealthy so they did not teach. John, the architect, was tall, taller than I a little, and heavier than I,- "my build" as the Fraulein said, and wore glasses....They also told me that the town mentioned in the letter the lawyer wrote, near Munich (Feldkirchen) was settled by Protestants from the Palatinate, because the latter was overcrowded. When I showed them the name of the place you had given me as the birthplace of Grandfather Risser (Schwabing) the Burgomaster said there were very few Protestants there. Originally it was a village apart from Munich, but now the city had grown until it was a part of the town....I showed Fraulein Herpich Father's picture and she said he was a Risser all right, and so was I!

As ever,

Dick.

The above statement that the village of Schwabing where Henry Risser was settled by King Maximilian had very few Protestants, tallies with his son John's statements to his children that he was educated in a Catholic school because there was nothing else available; that the village was Catholic, and his father Henry Risser had been one of a score of progressive Palatine farmers sent into "Alt-Bayern" to build up run-down farms and so demonstrate progressive farming methods to the backward Catholic Bavarian peasantry. John's daughter, Mrs.N.R.Duff of West Palm Beach, Florida, made the statement in August of 1946, that she had frquently heard her father say that it was this forced removal to Bavaria that decided nearly all of Henry's children to emigrate to the freedom of the United States. It seems probable too, that the same reason led to the migration to Ohio of Henry's older brother Abraham Risser and his children which took place over a number of years, from about 1840 to 1856.

The following genealogy was compiled from many sources. The bulk of the material on Abraham Risser (the "middle" son) and his descendants, was generously supplied by Mr.William W.Risser of Pasadena, California, who had gathered the information from tombstones, personal interviews with descendants, and personal research in libraries and family records.

The remaining material on the "Ohio Rissers" was supplied as follows: the data on Abraham Risser, born in 1801 in Bavaria, and his descendants, was furnished by his granddaughters, the Misses Lena and Elizabeth Risser of "Risser Farm", Columbus Grove, Ohio. Mr.Louis E.Potter of Canandaigua, N.Y., supplied the data on his grandfather, Abraham S. Risser of Canadaigua, N.Y. and his descendants.

The material on John Risser of Osthofen, his family in general and sons John and Henry in particular, has come from a genealogical chart and two biographical sketches of John Risser of Burlington, Iowa, and a third sketch of his wife, Mary Magdalena (Huebner) Risser. These were written about 1885 by my father, the Rev. Henry Arthur Risser, in collaboration with his father John Risser of Burlington, Iowa, the grandson of John Risser of Osthofen. My father's recollections, together with those of his brother, C.D. Risser of St. Paul, Minn., and his sister, Mrs. Natalie Risser Duff of West Palm Beach, Florida, gave the family traditions, as well as many dates and names. Miss Senta Pallat of Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the data on her grandfather, Christian Risser of Cleveland, and his descendants. I am also indebted to Miss Elsie Dattsman, Reference Librarian of the Carnegie-Stout Free Public Library of Dubuque, Iowa, for an obituary of Mrs. Julia Risser Hottman of Dubuque, oldest daughter of Jacob Risser, who was the oldest son of Henry Risser; and also to Mrs. Charles Kuttler of Dubuque, for the information on Jacob Risser's daughter, Mrs. Anna Risser Kuttler, and her family.

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GENEALOGY

Part I. The Descendants of Abraham Risser, the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

Part II. The Descendants of Henry Risser, the youngest son of John Risser of Osthofen.

JOHN RISSER (c1735-.), of Osthofen in the Palatinate, had a large family, but the names of only 3 sons have been preserved in family records in the U.S. These are given on a genealogical Chart compiled jointly by his grandson, John Risser of Burlington, Iowa, and great grandson, the Rev.Henry Arthur Risser, as follows: John, Abraham, and Henry.

<u>John</u>

The eldest son.
Born about 1760 in Osthofen.
Died in July, 1817, in the U.S.
Was a Mennonite, and came to Philadelphia in 1780 as a young man to escape religious persecution. Unable to trace further.

<u>Abraham</u>

The "middle" son.
Born April 15, 1770, in Osthofen.
Died June 26, 1844 in Ashland, Ohio, where he is buried.
Nothing is known of his wife. Presumably he came to the U.S. about 1840, when the later Risser immigration began. He had 12 children: Barbara, Abraham, Magdalena, Elizabeth, John, Mary, Ellen, Jacob, Katherine, Christina, Christian Krehbiel, and Daniel J.

<u>Henry</u>

The youngest child.
Born about 1786 in Osthofen.
Married Maria Dester.

She had at least 2 brothers; one, Abraham Dester, owned a large farm at Diesenbach, near Regensburg, Bavaria. Another brother, Henry Dester, had come to the U.S. He died at West Point, Lee County, Iowa, in the early fall of 1856 "after a summer's stay prospecting for a farm". There may have been a 3rd brother, Jacob Dester, since the name "Henry" is pencilled over the name "Jacob" in the sketch of John Risser's life written by H.A.Risser. If there was a 3rd brother Jacob Dester, he might well have been the son of the Jacob Dester listed on page 562, of the Penn.Archives, Series 3, vol.5, who was living in Chester County, Penn. from March 1780-April 1783, and paid a fine for non-attendance at militia drill because of the pressure of farm work. The penchant they all had for repeating given names over and over, makes this supposition not unlikely, and might account for the fact that Henry and Maria's first son was named Jacob.

Henry Risser was a well-to-do farmer and brandy manufacturer, a Prostestant, and some years before 1815 was forced, with about a score of other Palatine farmers, by the King of Bavaria,

Henry Risser continued -

Maximilian Joseph IV (who had gained the Palatinate from Napoleon in exchange for the marriage of his daughter Augusta to Eugene Beauharnais) to remove to Bavaria, and accept run-down farms in place of the good property they had owned in the Palatinate. These they were to build up in order to demonstrate progressive farming methods to the backward Catholic Bavarian peasantry. It is not known when this removal took place, but in 1815 he and his family were living in Schwabing, Bavaria, at that time a suburb of Munich, since his fourth child, Christian, was born there on May 27th. The other six children were born there, too, the family remaining until 1830, when they moved to Machring, a village 9 miles from Augsburg, Bavaria, operating a farm there until at least 1839. In that year they went to live at Diesenbach, near Regensburg, Bavaria, on Abraham Dester's "large farm of some hundreds of acres", which was superintended by Henry's 5th child, Henry Risser. In the biographical sketches before referred to, it is stated that young John Risser spent the year 1840 with Abraham Dester, and that from 1841-1845 Henry Risser, his wife, and Daughter Julia, and son Henry lived on the Dester farm, and it was here that John Risser came in the summer of 1845 to bid them goodbye before leaving for the U.S. Nothing further is known of Henry Risser, but about 1856, when John Risser was living in Chicago, he "returned to Cleveland on a visit to meet grandmother, Aunt Julia, and Uncle Henry from Germany". Julia remained in the U.S. but Maria (Dester) Risser and her son Henry seem to have returned to Germany. It is to be presumed that the older Henry's death had occurred before 1856. He had 10 children: Jacob, Katharine, Abraham, Christian, Henry, Magdalena, Mary, John, Julia, and Daniel.

Part I

(#1) The following are the names of the 12 children of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Barbara
Born and died in Germany.
Refused her brother, Christian Krehbiel Risser's request to move to the U.S. out of fear of losing her pension if she left Germany.

(#2) (2) Abraham
Born in 1801, in Bavaria, Germany.
Died March 7, 1871, near Pandora, Ohio, where he is buried.
Married Catharine Sunzenich, a native of the same Bavarian village as her husband, who died in Germany.
Shortly after his wife's death, Abraham Risser came to the U.S., in 1856, with his two youngest sons, stopping at Cleveland, Ohio for a time. The elder sons and the daughter had crossed the Atlantic in 1847 with relatives with whom they lived for a time Cleveland. Abraham Risser never established a home in the U.S. but lived with his children, dying in his son David's home. He had 9 children: John, Abraham S., Jacob, Katherine, Daniel, Henry, David, Christian, and Louis.

(3) Magdalena
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Married Jacob Berg, and had a daughter Mary, who Married George Huff.

(4) Elizabeth
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Married Jacob Smith and lived in the U.S. Had 5 children: Elizabeth, Jacob, Charlotte, Katherine, Christian.

(5) John
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Married Barbara Engle, and lived in Mansfield, Ohio. Had 3 children: Jacob, John, and Hnery.

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(6) Mary
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Married Henry Christian Risser, a distant cousin, grandson of Abraham Risser (1725-1813) who is descended in the line that fled from Switzerland in 1690 and settled in the Palatinate at Friedelsheim. She had 2 children: Abraham and Christian.

(7) Ellen
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Married Valentine Hahn.

(8) Jacob
Born in Bavaria, Germany. SEE PAGE 17½
Had a son named Gustavus Adolphus.

(9) Katherine
Born in Bavaria, Germany.

(10) Christina
Born in 1811, in Bavaria, Germany.
Died Oct.14, 1858 at Columbus Grove, Ohio, where she is buried.
Married John G.Hemley, of Ashland, Ohio, who was born in 1807, and died June 30, 1870.
She lived in Columbus Grove, Ohio, and had 7 children: Christina, John, Amelia, Mary, Helen, Gustavus, and Daniel.

(11) Christian Krehbiel
Born July 31, 1816, in Bavaria, Germany.
Died May 31, 1873, in Ashland, Ohio, where he is buried.
Married in October, 1845, Charlotte Risser, daughter of John Risser (1787-1867) who is descended in the Risser line that fled from Switzerland in 1690 and settled in the Palatinate at Friedolsheim. She was born Sept.14, 1827, and died April 22, 1864, at Ashland, Ohio, where she is buried. They had 7 children: Clara Augusta, Caroline Elizabeth, Mary Catherine, Charles Elisha, Edward Judson, William Henry, and John.

(12) Daniel J.
Born about October, 1820, in Bavaria, Germany.
Died in October, 1850, at Cleveland, Ohio, where he is buried in the Erie Street Cemetary.
Married Maria M. _____.
He emigrated to the U.S. and lived in Cleveland, Ohio, where he had a clothing store. He had 4 children: Julius A., Richard E., Anna, and Daniel.

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(8) Jacob
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Married Mary _____.
Emigrated to the United States about 1834.
Had 2 children: Gustavus Adolphus, & John.

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The following are the names of the 2 children of Jacob Risser, 8th child of Abraham Risser, who was the middle son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Gustavus Adolphus
Lived in Cleveland, Ohio.

(2) John
Born In Bavaria, Feb.4, 1825.
Married Catherine Grabill on Jan.10, 1850.
Emigrated to the U.S. with his parents in 1834.
Had 7 children:
(1) Amelia
Married _____ Briggs.

(2) Mary
Married _____ Shelley
Adopted her brother Jacob's daughter, Helen.

(3) August
Married _____ Long.

(4) Alice
Unmarried.

(6) Arthur W.
Married Bertha Fegler who lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (1947).
Had 2 children: Margaret (who married _____ Karban, & lives in Clinton, Ill.(1947), & William Willis, who was born in 1893 in Ashland, Ohio, & married Hazel Dye. Both are dead. Had 1 daughter, Mary Katherine, a teacher in the Des Moines, Ia. schools (1947)

(7) Jacob
Had 1 daughter, Helen, who was adopted by her father's sister, Mary (Risser) Shelley.

The following are the names of the 9 children of Abraham Risser (1801-1871), the 2d child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) who was the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) John
Born in Bavaria, Germany, and died there at the age of 23.

#3 (2) Abraham S.
Born Nov.21, 1827, in Bavaria, Germany.
Died Sept.1, 1893 in Canandaigua, N.Y., where he is buried.
Married Sibilla New, on May 28, 1850, in Canandaigua, N.Y. She was born Sept.18, 1828, in Germany, and died July 21, 1909, at Canandaigua, where she is buried. She emigrated to the U.S. in May, 1847.
Abraham S.Risser came to the U.S. in May, 1847, with relatives with whom he lived for a time in Cleveland, Ohio, before settling in Canandaigua, N.Y., where he became a farmer. He had 6 children:
4 Abraham S., William D., Louis, Sibilla, John H., and Elizabeth M.

(3) Jacob
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Died in Columbus Grove, Ohio, and is buried in the Pandora, Ohio, cemetary.
Married at Pandora, Ohio, Amelia Hemley, his first cousin, daughter of his father's sister, Christina Risser and her husband JOHn G.Hemley.
Jacob Risser came to the U.S. in May, 1847, with relatives with whom he lived for a time in Cleveland, Ohio, before settling in Columbus Grove, Ohio, where he became a farmer. He had 6 children: Louis, Ellen,
GWR Clara, Rosa, Christina, and Kathryn. (ELLA)

(KATHERINE)

(4) Katherine
Born in November, 1830, in Bavaria, Germany.
Died Sept.8, 1865 in Columbus Grove, Ohio, and is buried in the Pandora, Ohio, cemetary.
Married Frank Kost, who was born in 1826 and died in June, 1866, and is buried beside his wife.
Katherine Risser came to the U.S. with relatives in May, 1847, with whom she lived for a time in Cleveland, Ohio, then settled near Columbus Grove,Ohio,
? in Putnam or Allen counties, and remained there the rest of her life. Seems to have had no children.

(5) Daniel
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Died in Columbus Grove, Ohio, where he is buried.
Married Elizabeth Smith, his first cousin, at Ashland, Ohio. She was the oldest child of his aunt, Elizabeth Risser and her husband, Jacob Smith, who was the 4th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the son of John Risser of Osthofen, and was born in 1836

and died in 1863, and is buried in the Columbus Grove, Ohio, cemetary.
Daniel Risser came to the U.S. in May, 1847, with relatives with whom he lived for a time in Cleveland, Ohio, then settled in Columbus Grove, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. Was a farmer. He had 6 children: Julius, Richard, Otto, John, Emma, and Augusta.

(6) Henry
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Died in Lima, Ohio, where he is buried.
Married Sophie Hoehler in 1866 at Dayton, Ohio.
He came to the U.S. in May 1847 with relatives with whom he lived for a time in Cleveland, Ohio. After his marriage he settled in Lima, Ohio, where he remained. He had 12 children: Frederick, Caroline, Albert, Charles, Amanda, Matilda, Henry, Bertha, Clara, Daniel, Walter, and Flora.

(7) David
Born April 5, 1840 in Bavaria, Germany.
Died May 30, 1915 at "Risser Farm", Columbus Grove, Ohio. He is buried in the Pandora, O. cemetary.
Married Margaret Krohn on May 24, 1866, at her parents' home at Columbus Grove, O. She was born Jan. 5, 1844, and died Sept. 10, 1907, at "Risser Farm", Columbus Grove, Ohio, and is buried in the Pandora, Ohio, cemetary.
David Risser came to the U.S. in 1856 with his father and brother Christian, going first to Cleveland, Ohio, where they lived for a time. He then went to Canandaigua, N.Y. where his older brother Abrahim lived, and while there enlisted in the 3rd New York Cavalry, serving four years and 8 months through the Civil War. After his discharge from the army he settled at Columbus Grove, Ohio, on the homestead of 40 acres ("Risser Farm") which he had purchased while still in the army. In later years he made purchases of adjoining land to the amount of 200 acres in the present (1946) home farm. In 1879 he built a roomy brick house, still occupied by 3 of his children. In 1912 the house was modernized. He had 8 children: George, William, Minnie, Elizabeth, Lena Alma, Ottillia, Louis David, and Edwin Alvin.

(8) Christian
Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Died at Vaughnsville, Ohio, where he is buried.
Married Mary Davis in 1893 at the age of 51, in Vaughnsville, Ohio, where she died and is buried.
He came to the U.S. in 1856 with his father and brother David, stopping for a time in Cleveland,

Ohio. Served in the Union Army throughout the Civil War. After his discharge he located on a farm near Vaughnsville, Ohio, where he remained. He had 3 children: Thaddus, Anna, and Elinor.

(9) Louis

Born in Bavaria, Germany.
Died in Germany previous to 1856.

The following are the names of the 5 children of Elizabeth Risser, and her husband Jacob Smith, the 4th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) who was the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

Mary - Kinders Putnam Co. History

(1) Elizabeth Smith
Born in 1836. April 18 - Ashland Co.
Died in 1863. Nov. 2-1911 - of 75 y.
Married her first cousin, Daniel Risser, the 5th child of her uncle, Abraham Risser (1801-1871).
They had 6 children: Julius, Richard, Otto, John, Emma, Augusta.

(2) Jacob Smith
Born in 1838.
Unmarried.

(3) Charlotte Smith
Born April 5, 1840.
Married Titus Strickland on April 11, 1861, the day before the first gun was fired on Fort Sumpter.

(4) Katherine Smith
Married William Strickland.

(5) Christian Smith
Died at the age of 9 years.

The following are the names of the 3 children of John Risser, the 5th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) who was the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Jacob
Born July 7, 1826.
Died Feb.28, 1898.
Married Margaretta Caroline Fish. She was born Sept.22, 1830, and died Dec.24, 1907, at Los Angeles, California.
He had 9 children: William Theodore, Edward, Charles Albert, Ella Louise, Jennie Loretta, John Brainard, Minnie Floretta, Roberta Florena, and Mabelle.

(2) John
Married Mary Fish.
Had 1 child: Alice.

(3) Henry
Married Celia Zanders.
Had 7 children: Lula, Frederick, Edward, Maggie, Cecillia, Daisy, Arthur.

For the decendants of Jacob Risser see page 77½.

The following are the names of the 7 children of Christina Risser, and her husband John G.Hemley, the 10th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) who was the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Christina Hemley
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married a Dr.Herman.
Had 5 children.

(2) John Hemley
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married Hannah Bagley.

(3) Amelia Hemley
1840 Born ~~and died at~~ Columbus Grove, Ohio. AND DIED AT TOLEDO, OHIO Buried in the Pandora, Ohio, cemetary.
Married her 1st cousin Jacob Risser, the 3rd child of her uncle Abraham Risser (1801-1871).
GWR They had 6 children: Louis, Ellen, Clara, Rosa, Christina, and Katharine. (ELLA) (KATHERINE)

(4) Mary Hemley
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married Louis Gibson.

(5) Helen Hemley
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married Phillip Kyle.

(6) Gustavus Hemley
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married Emma Collin.

(7) Daniel Hemley
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married Jennie Oakin.

The following are the names of the 7 children of Christian Krehbiel Risser (1816-1873), 11th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) who was the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Clara Augusta
Born Aug.19, 1846, at Ashland, Ohio.
Died Sept.8, 1929.
Unmarried.
Lived in Des Moines, Iowa with her brother William Henry.

(2) Caroline Elizabeth
Born April 20, 1849, at Ashland, Ohio.
Died June 3, 1928.
Married Luna R.Patty, on Feb.24, 1874. He was born June 28, 1851.
Had 3 children: Charles, Harry Risser, and Mabel.

(3) Mary Katherine
Born Dec.16, 1851, at Ashland, Ohio.
Died April 16, 1919.
Married on Jan.1, 1874, to Harry A.Palmer, who was born July 16, 1851.
She had 5 children: Charlotte B., Theron R., William B., Nellie B., and Harry Guy.

(4) Charles Elisha
Born Dec.1, 1854, at Ashland, Ohio.
Died Jan.17, 1938.
Married Kate Cooper on Jan.1, 1879. She was born Nov.6, 1857, and died May 23, 1936.
He had 4 children: Charles Cooper, Clara Belle, Mary Irene, and Paul Frank.

(5) Edward Judson
Born Aug.14, 1857, at Ashland, Ohio.
Died March 25, 1936.
Married Josephine Garoutte, on June 29, 1882.
He had no children.

(6) William Henry
Born Sept.11, 1860, at Ashland, Ohio.
Died Dec.31, 1929, at Des Moines, Iowa, where he is buried.
Married Amelia Brotchi on Jan.18, 1887. She was born Dec.6, 1863.
He settled in Des Moines, Iowa, and remained there the rest of his life. He had 6 children: William Warren, Katherine Elizabeth, Edward Daniel, Joseph Charles, John Raymond, and George.

(7) John K.
Born Oct.23, 1853, at Ashland, Ohio, where he died Dec.3, 1864, and is buried.

The following are the names of the 4 children of Daniel J. Risser (1820-1850), the 12th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) who was the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Julius A.
Born in Cleveland, Ohio.
From 1875-1896 is listed in the Cleveland City Directory as Secretary & Treasurer of the Lyman Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

(2) Richard E.
Born in Cleveland, Ohio.
From 1875-1896 is listed in the Cleveland City Directory as a bookkeeper with John D.Briggs, wholesale ~~xxxxxx~~ grocer of Cleveland, Ohio.

(3) Anna
Born in Cleveland, Ohio.

(4) Daniel
Born in 1850, in Cleveland, Ohio.
Died Aug.4, 1854, in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is buried in the Erie Street Cemetary.

The following are the names of the 6 children of Abraham S. Risser (1827-1893), the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871) who was the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen. m Sibilla Neu.

#4 (1) Abraham S.
Born in 1851 in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died May 14, 1929, aged 78 years, in Canandaigua, N.Y. where he is buried.
Married Catherine Delaney, in Auburn, N.Y. She was born in Ireland in 1854 and came to the U.S. when a young girl. She died Feb.20, 1931, aged 77 years, in Canandaigua, N.Y. where she is buried.
They had 7 children: John, James, Amelia, Charles, Mary, William, and Frederick.

(2) William D.
Born Sept.25, 1852, in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died about 1896, at Canandaigua, N.Y.where he is buried.
Married Louise Senglaub, on March 12, 1879, at Canandaigua, N.Y. She died in 1936 in Canandaigua where she is buried.
He was a farmer. Had no children.

(3) Louis
Born July 23, 1854, at Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died Jan.6, 1884, at Canandaigua, where he is buried.
He was a farmer. Did not marry.

(4) Sibilla
Born Oct.2, 1855, at Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died Oct.9, 1925, at Canandaigua, N.Y. where she is buried.
Married Charles E.Potter, in 1874, at Canandaigua. He was born April 20, 1855, and died in November, 1929, at Canandaigua, where he is buried. He was a farmer.
They had 5 children: Florence L., Gertrude G., Louis E., William Risser, and Stella E.

(5) John H.
Born April 17, 1857, at Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died in 1904 at Canandaigua, where he is buried.
He was a farmer and did not marry.

(6) Elizabeth M.
Born Dec.8, 1858, in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died in February, 1938, at Canandaigua, where she is buried.
Married Harvey M.Roberts, a farmer.
They lived in Syracuse, N.Y. for many years, then returned to Canandaigua. They had no children.

The following are the names of the 6 children of Jacob Risser, the 3rd child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871) who was the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Louis
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is buried in the Pandora, Ohio, cemetary.

(2) Ellen (ELLA)
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is buried in the Pandora, Ohio, cemetary.

(3) Clara
Born Dec.11, 1863, in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Died Aug.2, 1928, in Toledo, Ohio, where she is buried.
Married a distant cousin, John Wesley Risser, in the 80's, (1884) at the family home in Columbus Grove. He was a son of John and Mary Magdalena (Huebner) Risser of Burlington, Iowa, and his grandfather Henry Risser, was her great grandfather, Abraham Risser's (1770-1844) youngest brother. (See Part II) John W.Risser was born Feb.16, 1862, at Burlington, Iowa, and died Jan.29, 1939, at Lake Worth, Florida. Is buried in Cincinnati, Ohio.
They were divorced about 1910 after some years of separation. They had 3 children: Lewis Hemley, George William, and Kenneth Frederick.

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(4) Rosa
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is buried in the Pandora, Ohio, cemetary.

(5) Christena
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is buried in the Pandora, Ohio, cemetary.

(6) Kathryn
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is buried in the Pandora, Ohio, cemetary.

The following are the names of the 6 children of Daniel Risser, the 5th child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871), who was the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Julius
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married Mary Clevenger.
Had 6 children.

(2) Richard
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Unmarried.

(3) Otto
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married Anna Miller.
Had 2 children.

(4) John
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married Augusta _____.
Has 3 sons.
Lives (1946) at Vaughnsville, Ohio.

(5) Emma
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Died March 23, 1893.
Married Howard Good.

(6) Augusta
Born in Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Married Lawrence Vandermark.
Had 3 children.

The following are the names of the 12 children of Henry Risser, the 6th child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871), who was the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Frederick
Born at Lima, Ohio.
Married Emma Fansler.
Had 2 sons.

(2) Caroline
Born at Lima, Ohio.
Married her cousin Arthur Risser, the youngest son of Henry and Celia (Zanders) Risser, grandson of John Risser, the 5th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844).

(3) Albert
Born at Lima, Ohio.
Married Elizabeth Hess.

(4) Charles
Born at Lima, Ohio.
Married Nettie Snyder.

(5) Amanda
Born at Lima, Ohio.
Married James Hepburn.

(6) Matilda
Born at Lima, Ohio.

(7) Henry
Born at Lima, Ohio.
Married Katherine Ruff.
Had 1 son.

(8) Bertha
Born at Lima, Ohio.

(9) Clara
Born at Lima, Ohio.

(10) Daniel
Born at Lima, Ohio.

(11) Walter
Born at Lima, Ohio.

(12) Flora
Born at Lima, Ohio.

The following are the names of the 8 children of David Risser (1840-1915), the 7th child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871), who was the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) George W.
Born Oct.30, 1868, at "Risser Farm", Columbus Grove,O.
Died Dec.11, 1914. Is buried in the Pandora, O. cemetary.
Married Clara Boyd in 1903 at Kansas City, Missouri.
She was the daughter of a Presbyterian minister.
George W.Risser was an attorney. They had no children.

(2) William
Born March 29, 1871, at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove,O.
Died March 25, 1939. Is buried in the Pandora, O., cemetary.
Married Elizabeth Lemley in 1893.
Had 5 children: Margaret, Irene, Phyllis, David, and Lillian.

(3) Minnie
Born April 27, 1873, at Risser Farm,Columbus Grove,O.
Married William Basinger in 1893. He died July 2, 1938, at Columbus Grove,O., & is buried in the Pandora O. cemetary.

She lives (1946) in Columbus Grove, O., where she is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Has 5 children: Leonard, George, Mildred, Alice, and Helen.

(4) Elizabeth
Born July 15, 1878, at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove,O.
Unmarried.
Lives (1946) at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove,O.

(5) Lena Alma
Born Aug.13, 1880, at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove,O.
Unmarried.
Lives (1946) at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove,O.

(6) Ottillia
Born Sept.11, 1882, at Risser Farm,Columbus Grove,O.
Died Sept.24, 1940, at Lima, O. Is buried in the Pandora, O.,cemetary.
Married Otis McBride in 1908.
They lived in Lima, O., and had 3 sons: James, Halton, and John.

(7) Louis David
Born Oct.19, 1884 at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove, O.
Married Elisabeth Hodge in 1926 at Philadelphia, Penn, Has always spelled her name with an s instead of a z.
Louis D.Risser runs the home farm (Risser Farm) near Columbus Grove, O. Has 3 children: Louis David, Jr., Ellen Elisabeth, and Charles Hodge.

(8) Edwin Alvin
Born May 21, 1887, at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove,O.
Died Feb.5, 1929, at Findley, O., where he is buried.
Married Margaret Jameson, in 1918 at Findley, O. She is a Methodist minister's daughter. Is still living (1946).
They lived in Findley, O., and had 3 children: Elizabeth, Mary, and Jameson.

The following are the names of the 3 children of Christian Risser, the 8th child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871), who was the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Thaddus
Born in Vaughnsville, Ohio.

(2) Anna
Born in Vaughnsville, Ohio.
Unmarried. Lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico (1946).

(3) Elinor
Born in Vaughnsville, Ohio.
Unmarried. Lives with her sister Anna in Albuquerque, New Mexico (1946).

The following are the names of the 9 children of Jacob Risser (1826-1898) the oldest child of John Risser who was the 5th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) William Theodore
Born March 17, 1850.
Died Nov.27, 1917.

(2) Edward
Born in February, 1852.
Died Nov.30, 1860.

(3) Charles Albert
Born Sept.6, 1854.

(4) Ella Louise
Born June 13, 1856.
Died July 4, 1901.

(5) Jennie Loretta
Born Nov.16, 1859.
Died Aug.6, 1882.

(6) John Brainard
Born Nov.30, 1862.

(7) Minnie Floretta
Born Dec.4, 1865.
Married Albert Frederick Remy.

(8) Roberta Florena
Born Dec.30, 1868.

(9) Mabelle
Born and died in 1872.

The following is the name of the only child of John Risser, 2nd child of John Risser who was the 5th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen

(1) Alice
Born April 6, 1855.
Married Charles White, who was born July 16, 1852.
They had 2 children: Nellie, and Minnie.

The following are the names of the 7 children of Henry Risser the 3rd child of John Risser, who was the 5th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Lulu
Married G.G.Bock.

(2) Frederick

(3) Edward
Died in infancy.

(4) Maggie
Married Herman Metz.

(5) Cecillia
Married Will Holden.

(6) Daisy
Married Alfred Woodward.

(7) Arthur
Married his cousin Caroline Risser, the 2nd child of Henry Risser who was the 6th child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871) who was the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844). She was born at Lima, Ohio.

The following are the names of the 3 children of Caroline Elizabeth Risser (1849-1928) & her husband Luna R.Patty,- she was the 2nd child of Christian Krehbiel Risser (1816-1873) who was the 11th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Charles Patty
Born Oct.3, 1876.
Died March 1, 1895.

(2) Harry Risser Patty
Born April 23, 1878.
Unmarried.

(3) Mabel Patty
Born Aug.9, 1881.
Married T.A.Ogden on May 22, 1907.

The following are the names of the 5 children of Mary Katherine Risser (1851-1919) & her husband Harry A.Palmer. She was the 3rd child of Christian Krehbiel Risser (1816-1873) who was the 11th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of JOHN RISSER of Osthofen.

(1) Charlotte B.Palmer
Born Dec.4, 1874.
Married George Allison, who was born June 1, 1873.

(2) Theron R.Palmer
Born March 21, 1877.
Married Louise Jarecki.

(3) William B.Palmer
Born May 10, 1879.
Died Aug.21, 1887.

(4) Nellie B.Palmer
Born May 28, 1883.
Died Sept.1, 1918.
Married Davenport Shirk, who was born Feb.22,1878.

(5) Harry Guy Palmer
Born Jan.18, 1890.

The following are the names of the 4 children of Charles Elisha Risser (1854-1938) the 4th child of Christian Krehbiel Risser (1816-1873) who was the 11th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Charles Cooper
Born Oct.12, 1879.
Died July 24, 1894.

(2) Clara Belle
Born Feb.2, 1882.
Died in 1928.
Married Frank Cotten.

(3) Mary Irene
Born June 7, 1885.
Married Lloyd Roberts.

(4) Paul Frank
Born April 2, 1889.
Died March 7, 1940.
Unmarried.

The following are the names of the 6 children of William Henry Risser (1860-1929) the 6th child of Christian Krehbiel Risser (1816-1873) who was the 11th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) William Warren
Born Nov.22, 1887 at Des Moines, Iowa.
Married Valma Gerde on Jan.20,1923. She was born June 16, 1899.

He is president of the Risser Investment Co. of Des Moines, Ia., tho' he lives (1947) in Pasadena, Cal. He has 2 children: William Henry, and Marilyn Ann.

(2) Katherine
Born Oct. 22, 1889, at Des Moines, Iowa.
Unmarried.

(3) Edward Daniel
Born March 26, 1891, at Des Moines, Iowa.
Married Mona Goodwin on June 6, 1921. She was born May 8, 1897.
He is a doctor and for years practised in Winona, Minn. Now (1947) practises in Pasadena, Cal. Has 4 children: Eleanor, Edwin, Joyce, and Barbara.

(4) Joseph Charles
Born Aug. 6, 1892, at Des Moines, Iowa.
Married Vida Smith on June 16, 1924. She was born Feb. 24, 1898.
He is a practising physician in Pasadena, Cal. Has 2 children: Joseph, and Katherine. ? SAM RAYBURN AT BONHAM, TEX., JOE RISSER HOSPITAL ?

(5) John Raymond
Born Oct. 21, 1894, at Des Moines, Iowa.
Married Florence Lichty on June 18, 1920. She was born April 17, 1897.
Has 3 children: John Joseph, Ruth Amelia, and Janet.

(6) George
Born Oct. 10, & died Oct. 12, 1899, at Des Moines, Iowa.

The following are the names of the 7 children of Abraham S. Risser (1851-1929) who was the 1st child of Abraham S. Risser (1827-1893) the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871) the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) John
Born in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died in infancy.

(2) James
Born in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died in infancy.

(3) Amelia
Born in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died in infancy.

(4) Charles
Born in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died in infancy.

(5) Mary

(5) Mary
Born Nov.27,1883, in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Unmarried. Lives in Auburn, N.Y. (1946)

(6) William
Born in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Died previous to 1946.

(7) Frederick
Born March 12, 1892, in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Married Mary Adelaide Waters on April 8, 1920.
He is assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company with whom he has been connected for the past 31 years. He has no children.

The following are the names of the 5 children of Sibilla Risser (1855-1925) & her husband Charles E.Potter. She was the 4th child of Abraham S.Risser (1827-1893) the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871) the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Florence L.Potter
Born Aug.21, 1876, at West Bloomfield, N.Y.
Died May 9,1942 at Reed Corners,N.Y.where she is buried.
Married Jean Witter, a produce dealer.

(2) Gertrude G.Potter
Born Dec.29,1878, at West Bloomfield, N.Y.
Married Scott Gerauld on Jan.12,1896. He is a farmer, now retired (1946).

(3) Louis E.Potter
Born Dec.27, 1880, at West Bloomfield, N.Y.
Unmarried.
Lives in Canandaigua, N.Y. (1946) where he has been employed by the Lisk Manufacturing Company as accountant for the past 43 years.

(4) William Risser Potter
Born Feb.2, 1883 at West Bloomfield, N.Y.
Married Hattie Ottley of Seneca Castle, N.Y. in 1906.
He is a building contractor, living in East Rochester, N.Y.,(1946).

(5) Stella E.Potter
Born March 29, 1888, in Pennsylvania.
Died Dec.8,1913, at Rochester,N.Y.
Married Frank Olmsted, of Penn Yan, N.Y. in 1908 at Canandaigua, N.Y.

The following are the names of the 3 children of Clara Risser (1863-1928) & her husband John Wesley Risser, the 3rd child

of Abraham Risser (1801-1871) the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen

(1) Lewis Hemley 7
Born Feb. 5, 1888, at St.Paul, Minn.
Married Pauline Catharine Steinnagle on July 19, 1918. She is the daughter of Charles and Catharine Steinnagle, & was born Aug. 18, 1895, in New Brunswick, New Jersey.
Lewis H.Risser is a graduate of the Howe Military School at Lima, Indiana, and the Art Students' League, New York. Is a commercial artist in New York City. Has lived for many years on Long Island where he owns his home at ~~Shoreacres~~, NORTH SHORE ACRES - Glen ~~Cove~~ Head. Had 1 child: Agnes Wickfield.

GWR (2) George William
Born May 26, 1892, at ~~St.Paul~~ MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.
Married Sara Isabel Kitchen on June 15, 1929 at No. Tonawanda, N.Y. She was born March 17, 1905, at Olean, N.Y., the daughter of Walter Corwin & Elizabeth (Leal) Kitchen. Mr.Kitchen was a railroad architect who died Feb.14, 1927.
George W.Risser is office manager & salesman for an office furniture company in New York City. He lives (1947) in Pleasantville, N.Y.,where his wife is on the staff of "The Reader's Digest". They have 1 child: Richard Herbert.

(3) Kenneth Frederick
Born Oct.18, 1893, in Minneapolis, Minn.
Married Dorothy Evelyn Steckel on June 12, 1926, in Toledo, Ohio. She is the daughter of Adolph Carleton & Minnie Mary (Winzeler) Steckel of Toledo, O. Mr. Steckel is a druggist.
Kenneth F.Risser is an accountant and lives in Toledo Ohio, where he owns his home (1947). He has 3 children - Mary Lou, James Allen, and Donald Eugene.

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The following are the names of the 5 children of William Risser (1871-1939 who was the 2nd child of David Risser (1840-1915) the 7th child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871), the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844), the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Margaret
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is married and has children.

(2) Irene
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is married and has children.

(3) Phyllis
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is married and has children.

(4) David
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is married and has children.

(5) Lillian
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is married and has children.

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The following are the names of the 5 children of Minnie Risser (1873-) & her husband William Basinger. She is the 3rd child of David Risser (1840-1915), the 7th child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871) the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle"son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Leonard Basinger
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Died at 40 years of age.
Unmarried.

(2) George Basinger
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is married and has children.

(3) Mildred Basinger
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is married and has children.

(4) Alice Basinger
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is married and has children.

(5) Helen Basinger
Born at Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Is married and has children.

The following are the names of the 3 children of Ottillia Risser (1882-1940) & her husband Otis McBride. She was the 6th child of David Risser (1840-1915) who was the 7th child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871) the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) James McBride
Born at Lima, Ohio.
Is married and has 3 children.

(2) Halton McBride
Born at Lima, Ohio.
Unmarried in 1946.

(3) John McBride
Born at Lima, Ohio.
Was married in March, 1946.
Served in World War II; discharged from service in December, 1945.

The following are the names of the 3 children of Louis David Risser (1884-) who is the 7th child of David Risser (1840-1915) the 7th child of Abraham Risser (1801-1871), the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Louis David, Jr.
Born at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove, Ohio.
Served in World War II. In March, 1946, was in Guam.

(2) Ellen Elisabeth
Born at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

(3) Charles Hodge
Born at Risser Farm, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

The following are the names of the 3 children of Edwin Alvin Risser (1887-1929) who was the 8th child of David Risser (1840-19150 the 7th child of ~~David~~ Abraham Risser (1801-1871) the 2nd child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Elizabeth
Born at Findley, Ohio.

(2) Mary
Born at Findley, Ohio.

(3) Jameson
Born at Findley, Ohio.
Served in Army Air Force in World War II for 3&1/2 years, now discharged (1946).

The following are the names of the 2 children of William Warren Risser (1887-) who is the eldest child of William Henry Eisser (1860-1929), the 6th child of Christian Krehbiel Risser (1816-1873) the 11th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle"son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) William Henry
Born Nov.16, 1926.

(2) Marilyn Ann
Born March 20, 1929.

The following are the names of the 4 children of Edward Daniel Risser (1891-) the 3rd child of William Henry Risser (1860-1929) the 6th child of Christian Krehbiel Risser (1816-1873) the 11th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Eleanor
Born Dec.27, 1923.

(2) Edwin
Born Nov.30, 1924.

(3) Joyce
Born Jan.14, 1927.

(4) Barbara
Born Sept.6, 1929.

The following are the names of the 2 children of Joseph Merle Charles Risser (1892-) the 4th child of William Henry Risser (1860-1929) the 6th child of Christian Krehbiel Risser (1816-1873) the 11th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle"son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Joseph

(2) Katherine

The following are the names of the 3 children of John Raymond Risser (1894-) 5th child of William Henry Risser (1860-1929) 6th child of Christian Krehbiel Risser (1816-1873) 11th child of Abraham Risser (1770-1844) the "middle" son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) John Joseph
Born Dec.23, 1921.

(2) Ruth Amelia
Born Aug.14, 1926.

(3) Janet
Born Dec.16, 1932.

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GWR The following are the names of the 10 children of Henry Risser, youngest son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Jacob
Born in Germany.
Died in Dubuque, Iowa.
Emigrated to the U.S. before 1850. Lived first in Cleveland, Ohio, then moved to Dubuque, Iowa in 1858, where he remained. It has been impossible to discover any information about his wife. He had 2 children: Julia, and Anna.

(2) Katharine
Born in Germany.
Died in Ohio.
Married _____ Bergtoldt.
In September, 1845, was living with her husband in Canal Dover, Ohio. She had no children.

(3) Abraham
Born in Germany.
Either died in infancy or remained in Germany all his life. There is no further mention of him in any existing family records in the U.S.

(4) Christian
Born May 27, 1815, in Schwabing, Munich, Bavaria.
Died in 1908 at the age of 93, at Cleveland, Ohio,, where he is buried.
Married Magdalena Finger in 1848 in Cleveland, O. She was the daughter of John Finger of Cleveland, O. Her grandfather was Carl M. Finger, who remained in Germany; her great grandfather was William Finger. She was born in 1818 in Wachenheim, Germany, and died in 1903 at the age of 80, in Cleveland, where she is buried. She came to the U.S. in 1840 with her father and brother and sisters. On the voyage her sisters Christina, Mary, Barbara, & Elizabeth died of cholera and were buried at sea. She and her father and brother Jacob alone survived the trip. According to her obituary notice she "was a truly loving wife and mother, with her family her first interest throughout her long life".
Christian Risser emigrated to the U.S. in 1845 and went directly to Cleveland where he remained. He was an expert woodcarver and cabinetmaker, and eventually became a partner in the firm of Bohm, Stuhr, & Risser. He had 5 children: Frederick Henry, Jacob, Mary, and twin sons, Otto and Ernst.

(5) Henry
Born in Schwabing, near Munich, Bavaria, Germany.
At an early age was superintendent of his uncle's

Abraham Dester's, "large farm of some hundreds of acres at Diessenbach near Regensburg, Bavaria. He visited the U.S. with his mother in 1856, but lack of any further record of him in this country makes it appear that he returned to Germany to live.

(6) Magdalena

Born in Schwabing, near Munich, Bavaria, Germany. An expert needlewoman, and in consequence was a lady-in-waiting to the Queen of Bavaria. Was living in Munich in 1845 when her brother John visited her there to say goodbye before leaving for America. Was still in Bavaria at the court when John was married in March of 1859, and so seems to have remained in Germany the rest of her life.

(7) Mary

Born in Schwabing, near Munich, Bavaria, Germany. Died in Cleveland, Ohio, sometime after 1880. Married Ernest C.Appell, an insurance agent of Cleveland, Ohio.
She also was a beautiful needlewoman, and because of her skill at embroidery, was for a time lady-in-waiting to the Queen of Bavaria at the royal court in Munich. Emigrated to the U.S. and settled in Cleveland, O. In the 1875 Cleveland City Directory is listed as the proprietor of a store of "fancy goods". By 1878 is listed as a dressmaker, but dropped outside work as her husband's income increased. Was the owner of a white meerschaum pipe, on the bowl of which was a coat-of-arms, beneath which was written the legend: "Wappen der Risser", i.e., "Coat-of-arms of the Rissers". She had 3 children: Amelia, Minnie, and Pauline ("Dolly").

(8) John

Born July 14, 1823, in Schwabing, Munich,Bavaria. Died Feb.1, 1905, at St.Paul, Minn. Is buried in Oakland Cemetary, St.Paul, Minn., with a large gray granite monument marking the graves of himself and and his wife.
Married Mary Magdalena Huebner on March 8, 1859, in Burlington, Iowa. She was the daughter of the Rev. John Jacob Huebner and Mary Magdalena (Koch)Huebner. He was a pioneer Methodist circuit rider in Ohio, Illinois, and Iowa. There is a memorial window to him and his wife in the old St.Paul's German Methodist Episcopal Church at the corner of Washington & 7th Streets in Burlington, Iowa, now (1946) sold and called "The Church of the Nazarene". Mary Magdalena Huebner was born March 5, 1841, in Chillicothe, Ohio, and died Nov.16, 1915, at St.Paul, Minn., and is buried in Oakland Cemetary, St.Paul, beside her husband.
John Risser emigrated to the U.S. in 1845, living for some years in Ohio. He was a cooper by trade, having

received his training in Bavaria, where he had been apprenticed at the age of 15 to a cooper; then from his ~~23xxxxxx~~ 18th to his 23d year he had traveled on foot, as a journeyman cooper, over Bavaria. The summer he was 23 he came to the U.S., sailing from Rotterdam on the three-masted sailing ship "Iris". The crossing took 33 days, and he landed in New York in September, 1845. From here he took a steamer up the Hudson to Albany, then by the Erie Canal to Buffalo, N.Y., and crossed Lake Erie by steamer to Cleveland, O., where by this time there was quite a colony of Rissers. Until ~~xxxx~~ 1858 he worked at his trade in various Ohio cities, as well as in Chicago, and Dubuque Iowa, and finally in Burlington, Iowa where he settled down after his marriage, and except for about a year in Peoria, Ill., remained there until the whole family moved to St.Paul, Minn., April 20, 1889, where he died after a long illness Feb.1, 1905.

GWR He had 9 children: Henry Arthur, John Wesley, Christian Daniel, Lewis Omar, Natalie Johanna, Katherine Magdalena, Gustavo Adolph, Alfred Paul, and Robert Nathan. ?

(9) Julia

Born in Schwabing, Munich, Bavaria, Germany.
Married _____ Schaller, who died before 1875.
In 1845 was living with her parents at the farm of her uncle, Abraham Dester, at Diesenbach, near Regensburg, Bavaria. Came to the U.S. about 1856 with her mother and brother Henry and visited relatives in Cleveland, O. where she remained a resident after her mother's return to Bavaria.
She had no children.

(10) Daniel

Born in Schwabing, Munich, Bavaria, Germany.
Died in action in the Civil War.
Came to the U.S.about 1845, and lived in Cleveland,O., except for a bried period in Cincinnati, O., when he and his brother John tried a business venture which failed. He was a recruiting officer in Cleveland, O., during the early part of the Civil War, but wanted to see action, and raised a company, of which he became captain. He was, however, killed in his first battle. He was his older brother John's favorite brother, and John's son, Christian Daniel, was named for him.

The following are the names of the 2 children of Jacob Risser, the oldest child of Henry Risser, who was the youngest son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Julia
Born Nov.30, 1850 in Cleveland, Ohio.
Died April 10, 1924, at her home in Dubuque, Iowa, after a few days illness. Buried in Linwood Cemetary, Dubuque, Iowa.
Married John F.Hottmann in August, 1875, in Dubuque, Iowa. He died in 1903.
She moved to Dubuque, Iowa, from Cleveland, O., with her parents when she was 7 years old, i.e., about 1858, since she was born the last of November, and it is doubtful if the family would move before spring of '58. She lived in Dubuque the rest of her life,. Was a member of the 1st Evangelical Church of Dubuque, and its Womens' Foreign Missionary and Ladies' Aid Societies. She had 7 children: J.Ferdinand, Arthur A., Emilie, Herbert H., Roy R., Julia M., and Lillian Natalie.

(2) Anna
Born April 8, 1853, in Cleveland, Ohio.
Died Aug.16, 1928, in Dubuque, Iowa, where she is buried.
Married Charles A.Kuttler on Oct.11, 1877, in Dubuque, Iowa.
She moved to Dubuque from Cleveland with her family when she was about 4 years old, and remained in Dubuque the rest of her life. She was the 2nd wife of C.A. Kuttler, and had 6 children: Clara, Anna, Esther, Ella, Frederick, and Walter.

The following are the names of the 5 children of Christian Risser (1815-1908) the 4th child of Henry Risser, who was the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Frederick Henry
Born in Cleveland, Ohio.
Died " " ", where he is buried.
Married Kate _____, after 1890.
In the Cleveland City Directory for 1874/5 he is listed as a bookkeeper at the First National Bank. In 1878/9 he is a general bookkeeper at the same bank. In 1895/6 he is a paying teller for the Mercantile National Bank, and is evidently married since his residence is no longer at his father's address. Had no children.

(2) Jacob F.
Born in 1853 in Cleveland, Ohio.
Died May 10, 1944, at the age of 91, in Cleveland, O., where he is buried.

Married his cousin Minnie Appell, sometime between 1875 and 1878. She was the daughter of his aunt, Mary (Risser) Appell & her husband Ernest C.Appell. Was a jeweller and diamond expert, and had his own business as early as 1895. In the 1939/40 Cleveland City Directory his firm is listed as handling industrial diamonds. He had no children.

(3) Otto (twin)
Born in Cleveland, O.
Died in infancy in Cleveland, where he is buried.

(4) Ernst (twin)
Born in Cleveland, Ohio.
Died in infancy in Cleveland, where he is buried.

(5) Mary
Born in Cleveland, Ohio.
Died in " " , where she is buried.
Married Prof. Karl August Pallat. He was a musician, & originally the name was Pallalat, which was legally changed to Pallat. He was born Jan.28, 1838, in Wiesbaden, Germany, and died in Cleveland in May, 1907 at the age of 69. Mary Risser was his 2nd wife, and he had 2 sons by the 1st wife, Edmund and Ludwig, who always lived in Germany.
Mary Risser Pallat lived in Cleveland, Ohio, all her life. She and Prof.Pallat had 6 children: Fritzchen, Lola Charlotte, Senta Fredericka, Erna Magdalena, and Herbert Henry, Karl Benndorf.

The following are the names of the 3 children of Mary Risser & her husband Ernest C.Appell. She was the 7th child of Henry Risser, who was the youngest son of John Risser of Osthofen. see p.15

(1) Amelia
Born in Cleveland, Ohio.
Died " " " , where she is buried.
Unmarried.

(2) Minnie
Born & died in Cleveland,O., where she is buried.
Married Jacob F.Risser, her cousin, son of her uncle Christian Risser, sometime between 1875-8. He was born in 1853 and died in 1944 at the age of 91, in Cleveland where they lived all their lives.
Had no children.

(3) Pauline ("Dolly")
Born in Cleveland, Ohio.
Married William Osberger, who is listed as a clerk in the 1895/6 Cleveland City Directory.
They had at least 1 child: Una.

GWR The following are the names of the 9 children of John Risser (1823-1905), the 8th child of Henry Risser, who was the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Henry Arthur

Born Jan.14,1860, at Burlington, Iowa.
Died Jan.23,1945, at Mercy Hospital, Devils Lake,N.D.
Is buried in the Groveland Cemetary, Minnetonka Twp., Hennepin County, Minn. The grave is marked with a gray Barre granite flat stone, bearing the name and dates.
Married Eva Josephine McConnaughey on Oct.8, 1890, at her home in Franklin, Washington Co.,Iowa. She was the daughter of Alexander James & Emily (Baker) McConnaughey & was born Feb.20,1868 at Franklin, Washington Co.Iowa, & died April 13,1937 at her home in Minnetonka Twp, Hennepin Co.Minn. Is buried in the family lot at the Groveland Cemetary, beside her husband, the grave being marked by a flat gray Barre granite stone, bearing her name and the dates.
H.A.Risser was a graduate of Denmark Academy, Denmark, Lee Co.Iowa, ~~xxx~~ (1884) and of the Chicago Theological Seminary (Congregational) in 1887, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Was a Congregational minister and held pastorates in Iowa, Winona and St.Paul, Minn., in California and Oregon, and Wisconsin, and the Groveland (Lake Minnetonka) Church, a suburb of Minneapolis where the family built a home, and he lived until the death of his wife. From 1898-1901 was superintendent of the St.Paul City Missions. From 1940 on lived with his son, R.A.Risser, a Presbyterian minister, and served as stated supply, or as interim pastor of various North Dakota churches during World War II, until he was past 84. He was an excellent pastor, taking pride in the fact he always called on the country members of his churches afoot, and thought nothing of covering from 15 to 30 miles in a day. A valuable asset in his work was his ability to make friends, since he believed well of everyone and found it difficult to remain angry long. A true salesman of Christianity, he had the capacity to influence all classes of persons so that they were the better for having met him.
He had 2 children: Josephine, and Richard Arthur.

GWR (2) John Wesley

Born Feb.16, 1862, at Burlington, Iowa.
Died Jan.29,1939, at Lake Worth, Florida. Is buried in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Married (1) Clara Risser a cousin, in the 80'S (See page 25)
Married (2) Bessie _____, a Kentuckian.
Was a salesman, and a promoter of various business enterprises in Ohio and later in Florida.
Had 3 sons by his first wife and a daughter by the 2nd Wife: Lewis Hemley, George William, Kenneth Frederick.

(3) Christian Daniel
Born Sept.29, 1864, at Peoria, Illinois.
Died

Married (1) Susie Julia Everett, of the New England Everetts, on Aug.11, 1897, in St.Paul, Minn. She was born March 19, 1870, in Massachusetts, & died April 30, 1926, in St.Paul, Minn., where she is buried in Roselawn Cemetary, her grave being marked by a suitable monument.
Married (2) Blanche Johanna Paddock. She was born Jan. 14, 1879 in Jackson, Minn., and had been married to & divorced from Dr.Artz of Jackson. Subsequently she & C.D.Risser were divorced for incompatibilty,April 5,1934 C.D.Risser graduated in 1900 from the Law School of the University of Minnesota, and was an accountant and bookkeeper, coming to St.Paul, Minn. May 3, 1889, where he remained. For over 40 years was bookkepper, then auditor for G.Sommers & Co., general wholesale merchandisers. His avocation was church work, and he held many offices in church, business, and community organizations. After the liquidation of the firm of G. Sommers & Co. in 1942 he continued to be employed as bookkeeper and office manager for smaller firms til 19 when he was past years of age.
He had 2 children: Everett Daniel, and Eleanor Everett.

(4) Lewis Omar
Born Feb.14, 1867, at Burlington, Iowa.
Unmarried.
Has been a bookkeeper, cashier, and accountant in Burlington, Iowa, St.Paul, Minn., Chicago,Ill., for banks, railroads, and construction companies. Spent some years in Belt, Montana, as a bank cashier. Since about 1920 has lived in Florida, at present (1947) in West Palm Beach with his sister Natalie Risser Duff.

(5) Natalie Johanna
Born July 14, 1869, at Burlington, Iowa.
Married James Ewer Duff, of Chicago, on June 2,1899, at Chicago, Ill. After 6 years of marriage she divorced him because of his habitual drunkenness. He died Feb. 3, 1916.
Natalie J.Risser was named by her aunt, Mary Risser Appell, after a princess at the Bavarian court who had been her very intimate friend. Mrs.Appell also made her a very beautiful long christening dress & petticoats , all hand made, and continued for 3 years to dress the child in beautiful handmade garments.. Natalie Risser was a graduate (1895) of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, getting her training in the Cook County andthe Presbyterian Hospitals, the school at that time supplying the nurses for these 2 hospitals, altho they no longer do so. On June 12, 1907 she became

Superintendent of The Old Peoples' Home, 4724 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Ill., a wealthy private institution for elderly women, and retired on an annuity on Jan. 18, 1942. She now (1947) lives in West Palm Beach, Florida, with her brother, Lewis O. Risser.
She had 2 children, one dying at birth, the other: Natalie Virginia.

? (6) Katherine Magdalena
Born Oct. 27, 1871, at Burlington, Iowa.
Unmarried.
In her early life was a kindergarten teacher in St. Paul, Minn.

(7) Gustave Adolph
Born Feb. 4, 1874, at Burlington, Iowa.
Married Alice Fairchild on Oct. 3, 1900, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church of St. Paul, Minn. She was the daughter of Henry Shields & Elizabeth Mathilda (Clayland) Fairchild of St. Paul, and was born Jan. 5, 1876 in St. Paul. She died Feb. 15, 1947 at her home in Stewartville, Minn. Is buried in Oakland Cemetary, St. Paul, Minn.
G. A. Risser was credit manager for G. Sommers & Co., St. Paul, Minn., then for Michaud Bros., one of the largest grocery concerns in St. Paul, becoming secretary of the firm several years before they liquidated about 1934. He then moved to Stewartville, Minn., to be near his only son who was a doctor in the town. Owns his home in Stewartville (1947).
Had one child: Alden Fairchild.

(8) Alfred Paul
Born April 15, 1879, at Burlington, Iowa.
Married (1) Phyllis _____, who died after a few years of marriage.
Married (2) Irene Sturtz Paulson, on April 7, 1917, at Wilmette, Ill. She is the daughter of William B. & Anna D. (Sturtz) Paulson, he being a railroad office man, who invented a counting-scale which he sold to Fairbanks-Morse Co. She was born Oct. 8, 1893, at Norfolk, Nebraska.
A. P. Risser is an expert and successful newspaper photographer in Chicago, Ill. Lives in Park Ridge, Ill. (1947) where he owns his home.
Has 2 children: Alfred William, & Sue Ann.

(9) Robert Nathan
Born June 23, 1884, at Burlington, Iowa.
Married Grace Louise Lyons on April 17, 1927 in Chicago Ill. She is the daughter of George Lyons of Chicago, a contractor & apartment house builder. Later divorced.
R. N. Risser has always been engaged in some kind of editorial work, mostly in Chicago., where he has edited or been advertising manager of a techincal

trade publication, a fertilizer manufacturer's magazine, a Masonic Journal, and several weekly community newspapers in the suburbs of Chicago.
Had no children of his own, but he and his wife adopted a child, Marilyn Grace, within oneweek of her birth, Dec.31,1931, in Chicago, the custody of the child being given to Grace Lyons Risser, who has since remarried. He lives in Oak Park, Ill.,(1947).

The following are the names of the 7 children of Julia Risser (1850-1924) & her husband John F.Hottmann. She was the oldest child of Jacob Risser, who was the oldest child of Henry Risser the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) John Ferdinand Hottmann
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
Lived in Chicago, Ill.

(2) Arthur A.Hottmann
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
Lives in Chciago, Ill.,(1946).

(3) Emilie Hottmann
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.

(4) Herbert H.Hottmann
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
At one time lived in Washington, D.C.(1924)

(5) Roy Risser Hottmann
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
Is assistant manager of the John A.Salzer Seed Co., of LaCrosse, Wisconsin (1947).
Has at least 1 child: Ralph Carl.

(6) Julia M.Hottmann
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.

(7) Lillian Natalie Hottmann
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
Unmarried.
Is a teacher in the Lomond School, Cleveland, Ohio, (1947) & lives in Shaker Square, Cleveland,O.

The following are the names of the 6 children of Anna Risser (1853-1928) & her husband Charles A.Kuttler. She was the youngest child of Jacob Risser, who was the oldest child of Henry Risser, the youngest son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Clara Kuttler
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
Married Burt J.Oakley, a foreman at the A.Y.McDonald Manufacturing Co.,Dubuque, Iowa (1947).

(2) Anna Kuttler
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
Married Dr.Dwight Clark of Evanston, Ill., where she lives (1947).

(3) Ella Kuttler
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
Died before 1946 in Dubuque, Iowa, where she is buried.
Married William Oakley, who has a general store in Dubuque, Iowa (1947).

(4) Esther Kuttler
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
Married Herman Grimme, who was killed while operating a crane at Granite Falls, Minn.

(5) Frederick Kuttler
Born in Dubuque, Iowa.
Married (1) Gladys Smith, who died before 1947).
(2) Madge Smith, sister of his 1st wife.
Was an insurance agent, now retired (1947) & living in Spokane, Washington.
Has 1 daughter and 1 son by his 1st wife, and 1 son by the 2nd wife.

(6) Walter Kuttler
Born in Dubuque, where he died while still a boy.

The following are the names of the 6 children of Mary Risser & her husband Prof.Karl August Pallat. She was the 5th child of Christian Risser (1815-1908) who was the 4th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Fritzchen Pallat
Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died in infancy., and is buried.

(2) Lola Charlotte Pallat
Born Dec.16,1877, in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Died Aug.3,1940, in Denver, Colorado.
Married Lawrence J.Vair, of Ravenna, Ohio, on Oct. 28,1909.
Had no children.

(3) Senta Fradericka Pallat
Born March 12, 1879, in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Unmarried.
Is a teacher in Lincoln High School, in Cleveland, O.

(4) Karl Bonndorf Pallat
Born June 3,1883, in Cleveland, Ohio.
Married Mrs.Mayme Hensel, a widow, on June 3,1912, who had a daughter, Norma, by her 1st marriage.
Karl B.Pallat has no children of his own.

(5) Erna Magdalena Pallat
Born May 15,1887, in Cleveland, Ohio.
Married Richard J.Triplett, of Kansas, June 12,1920.
They now live in Denver, Col. Have no children.

(6) Herbert Henry Pallat
Born March 14,1893, in Cleveland, Ohio.
Married Henrietta Bean, of Lebanon, New Hampshire, on June 20,1921. She is an artist.
Herbert H.Pallat lives in Winnetka, Ill.,(1946).
Has 1 child: Betsey.

The following is the only child of Pauline ("Dolly") Appell, & her husband William Osberger. She was the 3rd child of Mary (Risser) Appell, who was the 7th child of Henry Risser the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Una Osberger
Born in Cleveland, Ohio.
Married Webster Ammerman.

The following are the names of the 2 children of the Rev. Henry Arthur Risser (1860-1945), the oldest child of John Risser (1823-1905), who was the 8th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Josephine
Born April 10, 1894, in Winona, Minn.
Married Guerdon Neil Bassett on May 31,1924, at the Groveland Congregational Church, Minnetonka Twp., Hennepin Co.,Minn. He is the son of Hartwell & Lajune (Fay) Bassett, and was born March 4,1896, in Leroy Twp.,Bremer Co.,Iowa. Is an auditor for the U.S.General Accounting Office (1947).
Attended Ripon College, Ripon, Wis.,& graduated (1917) from the Library School of the University of Wisconsin.
Was on the staff of the Minneapolis Public Library for 10 years. Lives in Minneapolis, Minn.
Has 1 child: Neil Risser.

(2) Richard Arthur
Born May 31,1906, in Winona, Minn.
Married Mary Eleanor Hansen, on Sept.26,1934, in the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis,Minn.
She is the daughter of the Rev.Charles William &

Mary Maud (Taylor) Hanson. He was a Presbyterian minister. Mary E.Hanson was born Oct.19,1906, at Browns Valley,Minn., is a graduate of Macalaster College, St.Paul, Minn., with a Master's degree from the University of Minnesota. Was a laboratory technician in Mounds Park Hospital, St.Paul, Minn., before her marriage.

R.A.Risser is a Presbyterian minister; a graduate of Macalster College, St.Paul,Minn.(1931); & took his theological training at McCormick Presbyterian Seminary in Chicago, Ill.(1934). Was with the Presbyterian Sunday School Mission Board in Louisiana and in Houston,Texas, & in North Dakota. Received appointment as Chaplain (1st Lt.) June 8,1943; promoted to Chaplain(Captain) May 1,1944. Served as chaplain for the 105 Medical Bn. & 105th Combat Engineers, 30th Div., going overseas to England, Feb.1944; landed Omaha Beach, Normandy, on D-Day-plus-6; & serving with those units thru France, Belgium, Holland, & Germany. Received the Bronze Star for "Meritorius service & achievement ...during a difficult period of military operations". Discharged Dec. 18,1945. Lives in Michigan (1947).
Has 3 children: Lois Eleanor, Mary-Eva, & Charles Richard

The following are the names of the 5 children of John Wesley Risser(1862-1939) the 2nd child of John Risser who was the 8th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Lewis Hemloy
Born Feb.5,1888, in St.Paul,Minn.
Married Pauline Catharine Steinnagle on July 19,1918.
She is the daughter of Charles & Catharine Steinnagle & was born Aug.18,1895 in New Brunswick,New Jersey.
Is a graduate of the Howe Military School, at Lima, Ind., & the Art Student's League, New York. Is a commercial artist in New York City. Has lived for many years on Long Island where he owns his home at Shore Acres, Glen Cove. Had 1 child: Agnes Wickfield.

(2) George William
Born May 26,1892, in St.Paul, Minn.
Married Sara Isabel Kitchen on June 15,1929, at Tonawanda,N.Y. She was born March 17,1905, at Olean,N.Y., the daughter of Walter Corwin & Elizabeth (Leal) Kitchen. Mr.Kitchen was a railroad architect who died Feb.14,1927.
Is office manager & salesman for an office furniture company in New York City. He lives in Pleasantville, N.Y.,where his wife is on the staff of "The Reader's Digest". They have 1 child: Richard Herbert.

(3) Kenneth Frederick
Born Oct.13,1893, in Minneapolis,Minn.
Married Dorothy Evelyn Steckel on June 12,1926, in Toledo, Ohio. She is the daughter of Adolph Carleton & Minnie Mary (Winzelor) Steckel of Toledo, O. Mr.Steckel is a druggist.
Is an accountant and lives in Toledo, Ohio, where he owns his home (1947). He has 3 children: Mary Lou, James Allen, & Donald Eugene.

The following are the names of the 2 children of Christian Daniel Risser (1864-) the 3rd child of John Risser, who was the 8th child of Henry Risser, youngest son of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Everett Daniel
Born March 8,1908, & died March 28,1908, in San Antonio, Texas. Is buried in the family lot in Roselawn Cemetary, St.Paul, Minn.

(2) Eleanor Everett
Born May 6,1913, in St.Paul, Minn.
Married Robert Charles Davey, of Susanville, California on Oct.9,1939, who is an electrical engineer, a graduate of the University of Nevada. Served as a Signal Corps captain in World War II; sailed to join MacArthur 9 days after Pearl Harbour; was in every major engagement in the Pacific concluding with the Luzon campaign; was never wounded tho in almost constant contact with the enemy until May, 1945, when he was returned to the U.S.for leave & rest. Is now (1947) employed by Westinghouse in Salt Lake City, Utah.
Is a graduate of the University of Nevada, and is a registered nurse. They have no children.

The following is the only child of Natalie Johanna Risser (1869-) & her husband, James Ewer Duff. She is the 5th child of John Risser (1823-1905) who was the 8th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Natalie Virgina
Born Dec.18,1903 in Chicago, Ill.
Died July 31,1923, in Chciago, Ill., where she is buried.

The following is the only child of Gustave Adolph Risser (1874-), the 7th child of John Risser (1823-1905), who was the 8th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Alden Fairchild
Born May 14,1912, in St.Paul,Minn.
Married Marion Eugenia Evans, on Oct.9,1937, at the St.Anthony Park Methodist Episcopal Church, St.Paul Minn. She is the daughter of Abbot Grant and Susan Briary (Thompson) Evans of Minneapolis, Minn., and was born Nov.3, 1913, in Minneapolis. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.
Is a physician and surgeon, a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School. Is highly successful, choosing a general practise in a small town rather than specializing in the city. Lives (1947) in Stewartville, Minn.
See P53
Has 3 children: Marjorie Alice, Lawrence Evans, and Daniel Alden.

The following are the names of the 2 children of Alfred Paul Risser (1879-), the 8th child of John Risser (1823-1905), who was the 8th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Alfred William
Born Nov.29,1920, in Evanston, Illinois.
Married Lola Lawton, on Dec.24,1945, at her parents' home in Frankfort, Indiana. She is the daughter of Charles Lawton, of Frankfort.
"Al, Jr." served 2 years in the 5th Army in the Italian campaign of World War II. Is a graduate of Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana (August,1946). Is now (1947) Chief Metallurgist at the Link-Belt Co., of Indianapolis, Indiana. Has no children.

(2) Sue Ann
Born June 1,1921, at Evanston, Illinois.
Married William Ross Eubank on June 26,1943, at Lake Worth, Florida, in the home of her aunt, Mrs.John W.(Bessie) Risser. Subsequently divorced. Has no children. ? ?
Is now (1947) private secretary to the Commander's Staff at the Glenview Naval Air Base.

The following is the only child of Herbert Henry Pallat (1893-), the 6th child of Mary (Risser) & Prof.Karl August Pallat She was the 5th child of Christian Risser (1815-1908) who was the 4th child of Henry Risser, youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Betsey Pallat
Born July 7, 1929, in Evanston, Illinois.

The following is the only child of Josephine Risser (1894-) & her husband Guerdon Neil Bassett. She is the oldest child of the Rev.Henry Arthur Risser (1860-1945), the oldest child of John Risser (1823-1905) who was the 8th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Neil Risser
Born May 16, 1928, in Northwestern Hospital,Minneapolis, Minn.
Is a junior (1947) at the University of Minnesota, taking the Wild Life Management course in the Forestry School to prepare for conservation work. Lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

The following are the names of the 3 children of the Rev. Richard Arthur Risser (1906-), the 2nd child of the Rev. Henry Arthur Risser (1860-1945), the oldest child of John Risser (1823-1905), the 8th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Lois Eleanor
Born July 17,1936, in Bottineau, North Dakota.

(2) Mary-Eva
Born Sept.14,1938, in Bottineau, North Dakota.

(3) Charles Richard ("Chucker")
Born April 10,1942, at General Hospital, Devils Lake, North Dakota.

The following is the only child of Lewis Hemley Risser (1888-), the oldest child of John Wesley Risser (1862-1939), the 2nd child of John Risser (1823-1905), the 8th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

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(1) Agnes Wickfield
Born Feb.24, 1920, at Dayton, Ohio.
Died Dec.3,1925, at Columbus, Ohio.

The following is the only child of George William Risser (1892-), 2nd child of John Wesley Risser (1862-1939), the 2nd child of John Risser (1823-1905), the 8th child of Henry Risser, the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Richard Herbert
Born March 19,1930, in East Orange, New Jersey.

The following are the names of the 3 children of Kenneth Frederick Risser (1893-), the 3rd child of John Wesley Risser (1862-1939), 2nd child of John Risser (1823-1905), the 8th child of Henry Risser, who was the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Mary Lou JULY 1929
Born ~~May 8, 1925~~, in Toledo, Ohio.
Died ~~July 11, 1929~~; in Toldeo, Ohio, where she is buried
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(2) James Allen
Born March 22, 1927, in Toledo, Ohio.
Served in the U.S.Navy during World War II, on Guam as a Japanese interpreter. Now (1947) is a student.

(3) Donald Eugene
Born Aug.8,1928, in Toldeo, Ohio.
Is a student (1947).

The following are the names of the 3 children of Alden Fairchild Risser (1912-), the only child of Gustave Adolph Risser (1874-), the 7th child of John Risser (1823-1905), the 8th child of Henry Risser, who was the youngest child of John Risser of Osthofen.

(1) Marjorie Alice
Born July 24,1938, in the Mayo Hospital, Rochester, Minn.

(2) Lawrence Evans
Born Aug.2,1940, in the Mayo Hospital, Rochester, Minn.

(3) Daniel Alden
Born July 7,1946, in the Austin, Minn., hospital.

JOHN JACOB HUEBNER
and
Some of his Descendants

The Rev. John Jacob Huebner was born Jan.2,1802, in Warnemünde, Mecklenberg, Germany,- Warnemünde being the most famous and widely used seaside resort in the north of Germany previous to World War II. The date of his birth, as well as that of his death, was taken from his tombstone in "the old cemetary" at Iowa City, Iowa.

All that is known of his ancestry is contained in 8 smudged, penciled lines on a sheet of note paper, writer unknown; and in family tradition. Both relate that John Jacob Huebner's grandmother was the illegitimate daughter of a German royal courtier (presumably of the Mecklenberg court). Tradition says this courtier was a member of the German diplomatic corps assigned to Sweden. His paramour, as the penciled note states, was "a woman of high position, born (in the) royal Swedish family." To keep the affair secret because of her position, says tradition, the royal Swedish woman allowed the baby, a daughter, to be given away to be raised, "to an aunt whose husband was a ------ pastor in Germany -----Zusl -- Plötz --Wohlsted" says the note as nearly as can be deciphered. Tradition says the child took the aunt's surname, but inherited a fortune from its royal mother. This money, continues tradition, was seized by a brother of John Jacob Huebner's, the brother going up into Sweden, claiming it & keeping it, & going into business on it. His son was the Gustaf Huebner who was a professor of German at the University of Iowa, and whose portrait hangs in one of the buildings at Iowa City (1946).

Evidently the good pastor and his wife made excellent foster parents, for the next we know is that her grandson, John Jacob Huebner, while still a young man, became a street preacher of the German Reformed Church. His preaching ability was high, and such crowds clogged the streets to hear him that the authorities warned him to desist, which he ignored. After one or two further offenses he was put in prison in a small cell whose floor was laid with diamond-shaped projections like this: /\/\/\/\/\, on which he had to stand, sit, and sleep, since he was given neither chair, table, nor bed. After a time he was released upon his promise to leave the country, which he did, coming to America in 1837.

For a time he preached in large German Reformed churches in Cincinnati, Ohio, and elsewhere. Then Dr. William Nast, to whom had been given the task of garnering the German settlers in Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, and other western states, into the Methodist church, selected about a dozen of the leading German preachers as missionaries; John Jacob Huebner being one of this group, who, riding on horseback through this pioneer territory, preaching in the log cabins or in the open air, became known as circuit riders,- his power and popularity being as great in these western states as it had been in Germany.

There is a memorial window to the Rev.John Jacob Huebner and his wife, Mary M.Huebner, in the old St.Paul's German Methodist Episcopal Church at the corner of Washington and 7th Streets in Burlington, Iowa, now (1946) sold and called "The Church of the Nazarene". This was often called the First German Methodist Episcopal Church. On a visit to Burlington in 1934 his grandson, C.D.Risser of St.Paul, Minn., saw the window for the first time, - he does not remember seeing it as a child in Burlington. The church is very beautiful, of cream colored sandstone, witha tall and slender Gothic spire, and stands against the top of the bluff at the head of very steep street. According to the corner stone, which has been partially chiseled away, and to an inscription high up on the front of the building, it was built in 1868. The Gothic windows are narrow and high, of stained glass, and each window is dedicated to a different individual. The window to the Huebners is on the right-hand side of the church.

In 1838, the year following his arrival in America, John Jacob Huebner married Mary Magdalene Koch in Chillicothe, Ohio. Mary Koch (after some years in America the family Anglicized the name to Cook) had been born June 17, 1819, in Bavaria, and in 1835 had come with her parents to this country, settling in Pike County, Ohio. All that is known of her ancestry is in the same smudged, penciled note which told of the Swedish strain in John Jacob Huebner's family tree. As nearly as can now be deciphered, this says that Mary Koch's father was a "wever (cloth)"; her "grandfather was John Koch ---Rosein Rreiss Born in Schwangansaum (or Schwangonsaim); Great Grandfather Ludwig Koch -- wever (cloth)" M(other) Rothwoein --Baur. Great Grandmother Margareth." Her grandson, C.D. Risser, remembered her as blue-eyed, of a mild and sweet disposition, tactful, but without the mental power of her husband, who was a tall, spare man of a stern and serious aspect.

John Jacob Huebner died in Iowa City, Iowa, July 1,1872, and is buried in "the old cemetary" there, his grave being marked by a tombstone giving his name and birth and death dates. His wife died April 12, 1887, in Youngstown, Ohio, at the home of her son, Samuel T.Huebner, and is buried in Youngstown. They had 13 children, some dying in infancy. As nearly as can now be determined from recollection and from 4 newspaper obituaries they were as follows: A daughter who died in infancy, Mary Magdalene, Louis A., Johannah, John Jacob, Friedrick G., Joseph, Charles M., Samuel Theodore. The obituary of Samuel T.Huebner stated that 4 sisters and 8 brothers proceeded him in death.

The following are the names of the 6 children in the Koch family according to the recollections of C.D.Risser, of St. Paul, Minn., grandson of Mary Magdalene (Koch) Huebner.

(1) "Aunt Zorn" , her 1st name and her husband's unknown.

(2) Sybil
Never married & lived with her sister "Aunt Zorn".

(3) Mary Magdalene
Born June 17, 1819, in Bavaria, Germany.
Died April 12, 1887, in Youngstown, O., where she is buried.
Married the Rev.John Jacob Huebner in 1838, in Chillicothe, Ohio.
Had 13 children, some dying in infancy: Mary Magdalene, Louis A., Johannah, John Jacob, Friedrick G., Joseph, Charles M., & Samuel Theodore.

(4) "Aunt Wahl", her 1st name and her husband's unknown.

(5) "Aunt Reif", 1st name and her husband's 1st name not known.

(6) Jacob
"Settled on a farm near Plattsmouth, Nebraska, where he became well-to-do and raised a large family which grew into a numerous tribe that has an annual roundup of hundreds of relatives in happy fellowship. They call themselves Cook, and are a prosper-brood", says C.D.Risser.

The following are the names of those of the 13 children of the Rev. John Jacob Huebner (1802-1872) and his wife Mary Magdalene (Koch) Huebner (1819-1887), who lived to maturity.

(1) a daughter who died in infancy.

(2) Mary Magdalene
Born March 5, 1841, in Chillicothe, Ohio.
Died Nov. 16, 1915, in St. Paul, Minn., where she is buried in Oakland Cemetary beside her husband. A large gray granite monument marks the graves and bears their names and birth and death dates.
Married John Risser of Burlington, Iowa, in that city on March 8, 1859.
As a circuit rider's daughter she experienced the frequent changes of residence that are the lot of a minister's family. When she was about 5, in 1846, they moved from Chillicothe to Iowa City, Iowa, for a year; then to Peoria, Illinois, for a year; then 2 years at Nauvoo, Illinois; another year at Hallings Grove, and later a year at Baldwin, Missouri. Finally they returned to Iowa City where her father settled on a farm as a superannuated M.E. preacher. Here they lived for 7 years until her father sold the farm and they moved into Iowa City. About this time she went to Burlington, Iowa, where she met and married John Risser. She lived in Burlington with him (except for about a year they spent in Peoria, Ill., about 1864) until April 20, 1889, when the whole family removed to St. Paul, Minn., where she spent the remainder of her life except for long visits to her children and brothers and sisters.
She had 9 children: Henry Arthur, John Wesley, Christian Daniel, Lewis Omar, Natalie Johanna, Katherine Magdalena, Gustave Adolph, Alfred Paul, and Robert Nathan.

(3) Louis A.
In 1899 was living in Birmingham, Iowa.

(4) Johannah
Born April 29, 1843, in Ohio.
Died Jan. 13, 1900, in Hemingford, Nebraska.
Married Adam Kucke, a farmer, in 1863.
Lived near Hemingford, Nebraska, on a farm. She had 4 children: Amelia, who did not marry, Lydia, Carl, and Fred, both of these last two being farmers.

(5) John Jacob, Jr. ("Uncle Jake")
In 1899 was living in What Cheer, Iowa.

(6) Friedrick G.
Born March 19, 1848, in Peoria, Illinois.
Died in July, 1899, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, by falling from the 3rd floor of his printing establishment. Is buried in Fort Dodge, Iowa.
Married Ida A. Wetherby in 1871.

Was in the printing business. Had 2 children: George, and Nollie.

(7) Joseph

Married Clara ---------, who died in Critchell, Colorado, on Nov.8,1941. He had died long before. In 1899 when his brother Friedrick died in Fort Dodge, Iowa, Joseph still lived in Omaha, Nebraska, but from 1900 on he and his family lived on a ranch at Critchell, a half days drive by buckboard (in 1900) out of Denver. His nephew, H.A.Risser, wife, and daughter Josephine, visited them that summer. Uncle Joe was a stocky, rather jolly person. Aunt Clara was fairly slim, and dark, and pretty, and energetic and efficient housekeeper. They had several children, both boys and girls, perhaps four; and lots of kittens! The ranch was up in the mountains, and at night the mountain lions screamed like a woman. Josephine was warned never to go into the forest which bordered the ranch, nor to play out around the corrals and out-buildings after dusk, because of the mountain lions.

(8) Charles M.

Was living in California in 1887 when his mother died. Not listed in newspaper obituary in 1899 when his brother Friedrick died.

(9) Samuel Theodore

Born Dec.11,1861, in Iowa City, Iowa.
Died Sept.24,1943, in the Burlington, Iowa, hospital.
Is buried in Aspen Grove Cemetary, Burlington, Iowa.
Married Emily Cook in Burlington on June 29,1887. She is of English descent and no relation to him)
Attended Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. After being engaged in business in other cities, moved to Burlington where he was manager of the Burlington Telephone Company for years and at the time of his death. His wife is still living (1947).
He had 4 children: Lillian C (who never married), Theodore C. (who lives in Burlington, Iowa), Mary (who mar-married L.N.Hungerford, and lives in Volga City, Iowa. She has 2 children, Louis & Mary, both of whom are married), and Ethel (who married E.R.Rutherford, and after living in Oelwein, Iowa, for years now lives in California,1947, She has 2 children: Robert and Emily).

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1st. generation recorded.
Abraham Risser
~~b. approx. 1800 Rhein, Bavaria Germany.~~
d. Mar. 7-1870 or 71, Pandora Ohio
bu. Pandora Cem.
Came to America, fall 1856, with
sons, David & Christian.
49 days on sailing vessel.
oc. Stage line, Dorkheim to LeHayre,
France. Later teaming.
Married to:
Catherine Sunzenich 1
Vonzenning 2
Smitzerick 3
All 3 spellings in Kinder's Putnam
Co. History. # 1 under son David's
history, so probably right.
b. spring 1856. Germany

9 children

From his tombstone

ABRAHAM
RISSER
A NATIVE OF
GERMANY
DIED
MAR. 7 187(1) ?
IN HIS
70TH YR.
R or RI ??

Children of Abraham & Catherine Risser
1 Abraham Risser 1828-
2 Catherine Risser Cost or Kost b approx 1829-
3 John Risser
4 Jacob Risser 1833-1871
5 Daniel Risser 1836-1902
6 Henry Risser 1838-1898
7 David Risser 1840-1915
8 Christian Risser 1842-1911
9 Louis Risser 1844 ?

2nd Generation.

Children of Abraham Risser 1800-70 or 71

1 Abraham Risser (Jr.)
b 1828- Germany, Bavaria Germany
d
bu.
m.
r Germany - Canandaigua N.Y.
Risser Rd. Town of Can-gua. (Col. Henry
House still standing 1964-(Restored
oc. Farmer, 1867/8 leased 112 A.
Can-gua Directory
C af.
Married to
Sibilla
b 1829, Bvaria Germany
d
6 children (1860)

3rd. gen.
Children of Abraham (Info. from Co. Clerk Canandaigua N.Y.)
& Sibilla
1 Abram Risser
b 1850 Can-gua N.Y.
2 William Risser
b 1852 Can-gua N.Y.
3 Lewis C Risser
b 1855 Can. N.Y.
4 Sibilla Risser
b 1856 Can. N.Y.
5 John Risser
b 1857 Can. N.Y.
6 Elizebeth Risser
b 1859 Can. N.Y.

3 Came to America when ?
2 Catherine Risser
b approx. 1830 (b & M in Germany)
d Sept. 8 1865, 35y. 10m. 24d.
bu. Pandora O. Cem. (both)
Married to:
Frederick Kost ?
Spelled with K on stone.
b approx. 1828
d June 11 (1868 ?)
40y-11m-19d.
1 doughter

Dtr. of Catherine & Frederick
Kost
1 Elizebeth Kost

3 John Risser
b & d Germany, aged 21

4 Jacob Risser
b Nov. 22 1833
From stone "at Grethen A.D.
By Duricheim
Rheinpfaliz Bavaria
Died Aug. 21 1871,
Aged 37y. 8m. 29d."
Died in a run-away.
Came to Am. before 1856.
r. Columbus Grove O

Children of Jacob &
Emelia or Emilie Risser
1 Louis Risser
5 Christina Risser
bu. Pandora Cem. O
2 Ella Risser (Ellen. Geo. Risser)
b 1862 d 1904
bu. Pandora Cem. O
Married to:
4 Rose or Rosa Risser bu. Pandora Cem. Rose on T-stone, Rosa

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2nd. gen. 3rd. gen.

6 Henry Risser
bFeb.5 1838 (Tombstone)
d Nov.21 1898 .. .. ..
bu. Woodlawn Cem.Lima O.
m
r. Germany ,U.S. Bought farm
Sugar Ck.Twp. Putnam Co.O.
1859. Kinders .. .. .. History,
under Otto Risser
Lima, later
oc. Flower & Truck gardener.
C af.
Married to:
Sophia Moeller, Putman Co.O.
b
d
bu.May 27 1913 Woodlawn Cem.
According to Allen Co.Ohio
Birth Records, there must have
been 10 or 11 children
(I am almost sure there was a Fred
& a Walter that were their sons,also.

I find in Ct.House Records
Sophia's name spelled
Moller
Molher
Miller
Moeller
Morler

Birth dates from Allen Co.
Ct.House. Death dates,tombstones.

1 Albert Risser (middle initial E)
b Aug.11 1870
d Apr.3 1900 bu. Woodlawn Cem.
Elizebeth H Risser,wife of Albert. Her ashes bu.on his grave Aug.29 1955.

2 Charles E Risser
b Sept.13 1871
d

3 Sophia (bu. Dec.17 1934) No markers.
Amanda Risser(m.James J Hepburn) both bu. Woodlawn.
b Aug.20 1873 bu. Mar.24 1934 Isabelle Hepburn dec.
Was her name Sophia Amanda, Jenkins
or was it twins ? ? r. Sandusky O. d.N.J.

Matilda Eliza Risser (middle initial L,on stone)
b Dec.6 1874 (10 stone)
d Apr.9 1877 bu.Woodlawn Cem.

Henry Lewis Risser
b Oct.30 1877
d.bu. Nov.11 1956 bu. Woodlawn Cem.

Bertha S Risser
b Apr.15 1879
d Aug.29 1880 bu. Woodlawn Cem.

Clara Risser
b Mar.23 1881
d.

Daniel (Q on stone) Risser
b Apr.8 1882
d Feb.9 1913 bu. Woodlawn Cem.

Flora Alice Risser (Cook) Toledo
b Oct.27 1884
d

(no name) Risser
b. Sept.13 1887
d

Walter Risser, Dec.
? m.Helen Badeau, Lima O.
r 1837 Temple ~~Temple~~ Ave. Long Beach Calif.1961

? Fred Risser
See list of info. from
Lelia Frick Bluffton O. Neice of Mrs.Fred Risser

Who was Callie Risser ?

7 David Risser
b Apr.5 1840 Derkheim
Bavaria Germany
d May 30 1915 Pandora O.
bu.Pandora O (both)
r.Germany, Canandaigua N.Y.
Pandora. Cleveland,short time ?
C af.Mennonite. Baptised Germany.
Came to America,fall of 1856,49
days in sailing vessel. Landed N.Y.C.
Civil War Vet. Enlisted in N.Y.state,
3rd N.Y.calvary Cavalry,where he lived
with his brother Abraham (in 1860 census.
[illegible] of the Potomac.(4y.8m.)
[illegible] to: (May 24 1866
[illegible] Krohn
[illegible].5 1844,Butler Co.O.
d Sept.10 1907 Pandora O.
Came to Pandora from Butler Co.
Oct.3 1844,age 9 mo.
11 children

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3rd.gen.

Christian Risser
1842
1911
bu. Truro Cem.W of
Columbus Grove O.
Civil War Vet.
Co.E - 3 M O.Inf.
Married to :
Mary
b 1860
d 1943
bu. Truro Cem.

Children of Christian &
Mary Risser

I do not know order of named.

Florence Risser
b.Mar.11 1905
d Aug.1905
bu. Truro Cem.
Dau.of C & M Risser

These 2 stones were quite illegible & these dates could be wrong.

Marie Risser
b Feb 6 ?? 1911
d Mar. 1911

Thaddeus Risser
b
d
bu.
m ?

Eleanor Risser
b d July 1954
bu.
Anna Risser
302 S Bryn Mahr Albequerque N.M.

9 Louis Risser, d. Germany at 2y.

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FRED RISSER

I went down yesterday to see Lelia Frick. Louise Ruhl told me that Fred Risser married her aunt. She was very nice about it but said she had little but tragedy to tell.

Fred Risser
b
d
bu.
She thot he was bu. at Woodlawn at Lima, but if so we did not find the grave. I wonder if he could have been on a different lot. I'll try to stop again sometime.
r Ottawa O., DesPlaines Ill. & Mich.
oc. Employed by Tel. Co. Ottawa O. & Ill.

Married to : Fenslers r. at Rockport & Bluffton O.
Emma Lucretia Fensler oc. Reg. Nurse
b Oct. 22 1873, Bluffton O.
Emma has spent 40-50 yrs. in Mental Institutions. She is now at Mantina State Hosp. Kankakee Ill. Fred took her home several times but she was so destructive & unruly that it was impossible to keep her there. Finally he took their two boys and moved to Mich. He has since died.

Their 2 sons. 1 Ralph J. Risser b — bu. 5/24/1904

1 Robert Risser Disappeared. A mystery. Dave thot he remembered something about it. He had been in & out of Navy before this.

L Frick thinks boys born at Ottawa O. (2 Karl Fensler Risser . She does'nt know where he is or where they lived in Mich.

Fred's Son Ralph T. - bu. Woodlawn Cem.

Lelia said that Fred R. was a very nice man, but what a tragic life Emma F Risser is now 91.

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3 John Risser
b & d Germany, aged 21

4 Jacob Risser
b Nov.22 1833
From stone "at Grethen A.D.
By Durricheim
Rheinpfaliz Bavaria
Died Aug.21 1871,
Aged 37y.8m.29d."
Died in a run-away. 47
Came to Am. before 1856.
r. Columbus Grove O

Married to:
Emelia Hemley
Spelled Emilie on
Ella & Kate's stone.
6 children.

Children of Jacob &
Emelia or Emilie Risser

1 Louis Risser

5 Christina Risser
bu. Pandora Cem.O

2- Ella Risser (Ellen. Geo.Risser)
b 1862 d 1904
bu.Pandora Cem.O

4 Rose or Rosa Risser bu. Pandora Cem. Rose on T-stone, Rosa (Geo .R.)

6 Katherine (Kate) Risser
b 1870 d 1928
bu. Pandora Cem.O.

3 Clara Risser 1863-1928
John Wesley Risser
Numbered - Geo.Risser's list .

Children of Clara & John W.Risser
1 Louis

2 George Wm.Risser b May.26 1892. Minn,Min
Sara Isabel Kitchen Mar.17 1905 Olean N.

3 Kenneth

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5 Daniel Risser (Bavaria Germany.
b Jan.1 1836,Durkheim
d Sept.15 1902
bu. Vaughnsville O.Cem.
m Aug.14 1862
r Vaughnsville O. 1864,came to Sugar Creek Twp.
~~All~~ Putnam Co. (1st.Cleveland*-Mexico)
oc.
C af. German Lutheran
Married to:
Elizebeth M Smith
b Apr.18 1836 Ashland Co.O (M. middle initial)
Her mother was Elizebeth Risser Smith (Jacob)
In 1865,Elizebeth moved to
O.buying adjoining farm to
Mr. Risser.
C af. Christian

Children of Daniel &
Elizebeth Risser

6 children.

1 Julius C Risser
b Feb.25 1864
d
m. Mary E Clevenger 1866

2 Daniel Richard Risser
b Aug. 27 1865 Sugar Ck.Twp.Putnam Co.O.
d
unm.
Successful Business man.

4th gen.
1 James Daniel Risser
2 Catherine Elizebeth Risser Caton
3 Ada May Risser Kiracofe
4 Sarah Emma Risser
5 Nellie Ruth Risser
6 Mary Ellen Risser
7 Harry Edwin Risser
8 Grace Pauline Risser

Brother & sisters of
Elizebeth M Smith Risser

1 Mary Smith
2 Elizebeth Smith
3 Catherine .. ..
4 Charlotte .. ..
5 Jacob .. ..

3 Otto Risser
b Dec.20 1867
d
m Dec.23 1897
oc. Farmer
Married to.Ada Miller
b Mar.4 1870
4 children.

1 Wilbur Risser b July 12 1900

2 Raymond Risser b Dec.30 1903

3 Marguerite Risser b Oct.8 1906 d.July 7 1907

4 Leonard Risser b Apr.10 1912

4 John J Risser
b July 21 1870

5 Emma L Risser
b Feb.28 1873
d Mar.5 1893,soon after marriage

6 Elizebeth A Risser
b Oct.28 1876

[illegible] is a 5th & 6th generation in the Daniel Risser & David Risser Lines & probably 7th [illegible], in the Ø Abraham Risser line, since he was approximately 14 yrs. older than David.

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